

# Vocabulary List #5

**intricate:** complicated; involved; detailed

- Mrs. Moskowitz crocheted **intricate** patterns into her beautiful afghans.
- The plot of *Miss Polly Got a Dolly* was so **intricate** that Tina was confused after the first chapter.

**dank:** unpleasantly damp

- The basement of the abandoned mansion was **dank** and dark and full of creepy, crawly creatures.
- Frogs need a **dank** environment in order to survive.

**lackluster:** dull; lacking brightness

- The golden retriever's coat was usually so shiny, but it looked **lackluster** after the dog rolled in the dirt for 10 minutes.
- Carrie fired Troy's band because the group's performances were becoming rather **lackluster**.

**inaudible:** unable to be heard

- The noise coming from the closet was nearly **inaudible**, but Jeremy thought he heard the sound of a whimpering puppy.
- The sound was so soft it was almost **inaudible**. Still, at 3:00 AM, it scared Rick half to death.

**dismember:** to cut or tear off the limbs

- Rachel was pretty sure she could sit through the horror movie. However, when the zombies started to **dismember** a giraffe, she had to leave.
- While her family tried to finish dinner, Stacy explained how her biology class **dismembered** a frog.

**submerge:** to place under water

- The swimming teacher won't let us leave class until we have completely **submerged** our heads in the pool.
- Billy **submerged** his rubber ducky in the bath tub.

**lustrous:** shiny; glossy

- From the top of the mountain, Harold admired the **lustrous** light reflected off the ski slopes.
- The movie star's **lustrous** hair shimmered under the huge stage lights.

**inebriated:** drunk

- The **inebriated** man was lucky he wasn't killed when he drove his car into the side of a cement truck.
- Johnny never believed the wild stories his neighbor told when she was **inebriated**.

**ponder:** to think deeply or consider carefully

- The old man loved to sit on a park bench all day and **ponder** the meaning of life.
- Camille's mother sent her to her room to **ponder** why hitting her little sister was wrong.

**authentic:** genuine; real

- The man was arrested because the signature on his check was not **authentic**.
- "This is an **authentic** 1920s hairbrush," explained the antique dealer. "That's why I'm charging \$60 for it."

## Bonus Words

★ **compel:** to force

- Because the evidence was so overwhelming, the jury felt **compelled** to find Sam guilty.
- Because Lorraine was so nasty to the customers, her supervisor at Pizza Palace was **compelled** to fire her.

★ **genial:** cheerful; friendly

- Katie is always smiling. She is the most **genial** person at school.
- Conrad is not particularly funny or brilliant, but everybody likes him because he is so **genial**.