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**aspire**

v. 1. to have a strong desire to do something or attain something

[I aspire to read at least 20 books this summer, and with hard work, I know I can do it.]

**momentous**

adj. 1. Very important

[Catching a baseball at the Orioles game was a momentous occasion for Daddy because it was the first one he ever caught.]
overwhelm

v. 1. to deeply affect the mind or emotions of

[Aunt Jenny was overwhelmed by the thoughtful gift that Uncle Will gave to her.]

canine

adj. 1. Of or relating to dogs or related animals

[Our dog, Brady, is quite a cooky canine.]
devour

v. 1. to eat up hungrily

[Everyone devoured the candy sushi we made for Maddy’s birthday party.]

aghast

adj. 1. Struck with horror; shocked

[We were aghast when we realized that Brady ate two of Cora’s socks, a Lego, and a Polly Pocket doll.]
traumatic

adj. 1. A very difficult or unpleasant experience.

[The day Owen rode his bike too far ahead and then couldn’t find us was a traumatic experience for him.]

disrupt

v. 1. to interrupt; bring to a temporary halt

[Our game of Word Feud was disrupted by a phone call from Pap.]
permanent

adj. 1. Lasting or expected to last a long time

[The permanent marker stayed on her hands for days and days, so she learned that she must be very careful when using them.]

acknowledge

v. 1. to admit the existence of
[Did he acknowledge the visitor in the kitchen?]

v. 2. to express recognition or thanks for
[The tired players smiled as they left the field to acknowledge the cheers from the crowd.]