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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.]



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# 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*.]



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# 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.]

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# traumatic

*adj.* 1. A very difficult or unpleasant experience.

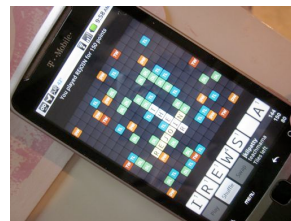
[The day Owen rode his bike too far ahead and then couldn't find us was a *traumatic* experience for him.]



# disrupt

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

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



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# 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.]