

THE VOCAB-IT POCKET  
DICTIONARY



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*BIG WORDS MADE SIMPLE.*

## **The Vocabbett Pocket Dictionary**

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-Mrs. Abbett



## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

*When there are multiple definitions of a word, the definition provided matches the context of the sentence(s) most often used in Vocabbett resources.*

**Aesthetic (n.) (adj.)** - Regarding beauty or the appreciation of beauty, i.e., “That doesn’t really go with my Instagram aesthetic.”

**Altercation** - A fight or noisy disagreement

**Ambiance** - Mood; atmosphere

**Amiss** - Wrong

**Arbitrate** - Settle or reach a judgement (for someone else)

**Behold** - See something remarkable

**Belated** - Later than should be the case

**Belligerent** - Aggressive; war-like

**Benevolent** - Kind

**Brusque** - Abrupt; perfunctory

**Coherent** - Logical, rational

**Complicit** - Involved in some bad or illegal activity

**Contemporaries (n.)** - People living at the same time (as someone/something else)

**Contemporary (adj.)** - Happening or living at the same time (as someone/something else)

**Contemporaneously (adv.)** - Happening or living at the same time (as someone or something else)

**Convey** - Communicate; carry from one place to another

**Cryptic** - Mysterious; obscure

**Curt** - Rudely brief

**Decrepit** - Old, worn out

**Delectable** - Delicious; indulgent

**Discern** - Determine; figure out; distinguish

**Discernible** - Understandable; recognizable

**Discreet** - In a way designed not to draw attention

**Distort** - Disfigure; pull or twist out of shape

**Dubious** - Suspicious; unable to be relied upon

**Eccentric** - Unconventional; slightly strange

**Elusive** - Difficult to find, catch, or achieve

**Emit** - Produce or make something (usually a light, gas, or sound), i.e. “The laser emitted red-hot rays.”

**Enhance** - Intensify; increase; draw additional exposure to

**Entail** - Involving (something), i.e. “Their tour of Vatican City entailed a three-hour visit to St. Peter’s basilica and a stop at a gelato shop on the way back to the hotel.”

**Exasperation** - Annoyance

**Fatal** - Deadly

**Fervor** - Passion; emotion

**Futile** - Pointless

**Giddy** - Excited to the point of being dizzy or unsteady

**Glean** - Gather; collect bit by bit

**Implication** - Consequence; something that happens as a result of something else

**Inane** - Silly or stupid to the point of annoyance

**Incapacitate** - Prevent from functioning normally

**Incessant** - Constant; never-ending

**Inevitable** - Unavoidable

**Intersperse** - Mix in with something else

**Intervene** - Interrupt; come between people to change something

**Jubilant** - Delighted; expressing happiness and triumph

**Lavish** - Luxurious; rich; elaborate

**Loquacious** - Talkative

**Oust** - Drive out; remove (from power)

**Penchant (for)** - Fondness (for); liking (something) – (BTW, a penchant is something you HAVE. The sample sentence in Merriam Webster’s is, “He has a penchant for adopting stray dogs.”)

**Perpetual** - Never-ending

**Petrify (v.)** - Change into a stony substance OR terrify

**Jostle** - Push or shove, especially in a crowd

**Jovial** - Cheerful; friendly

**Malaise** - A general feeling of discomfort or uneasiness

**Malicious** - Mean; bad; intending to do harm

**Miscreant** - A person who behaves badly

**Misinterpret** - Understand something the wrong way

**Nimble** - Light and quick

**Obsequious** - Excessively obedient or attentive

**Ominous** - Suggests something bad is going to happen

**Onerous** - An extremely burdensome amount of effort

**Palpable** - Intense; touchable

**Partake** - Take part in

**Perilous** - Dangerous

**Permeate** - Spread through; pervade

**Pompous** - Self-important; conceited

**Ponder** - Think deeply (about) (Ex: "He pondered the meaning of life.")

**Potent** - Powerful

**Precairous** - Uncertain; dependent on chance

**Prestigious** - Having high status; respected

**Quorum** - A group of people; the minimum number of people to make certain proceedings valid

**Ramble** - Speak in a lengthy and confused way

**Recoil** - Spring back in horror, fear, or disgust

**Recurrent** - Happening repeatedly

**Redolent (of/with)** - Smelling of; reminiscent/suggestive of. (For instance, "The air was redolent with the smell of bougainvillea," or, "The air was redolent with a sense of history at the site of Caesar's assassination.")

**Refrain (n.)** - A comment that is often repeated

**Refrain (from) (v.)** - Hold back (Ex: "Kindly refrain from saying that again" or "She refrained from asking another question since her time was almost up.")

**Refute** - Disprove; prove something to be wrong

**Reimburse** - Pay back

**Reinforce** - Make stronger or add support to

**Reiterate** - Repeat

**Repress** - Suppress; hold back

**Retort** - Say sharply/wittily in response

**Revere (v.)** - To have a deep respect or admiration for someone/something

**Reverence (n.)** - A sense of deep respect or admiration for someone/something

**Revitalize** - Bring back to life; give new life

**Revive** - Bring back to life

**Ruse** - A trick

**Sheepish** - Embarrassed

**Solemn** - Serious and dignified

**Spar (n.)** - A fast-paced argument or fight

**Spar (v.)** - Engage in a fast-paced argument or fight

**Speculate** - Think

**Stifle** - Restrain

**Subtle** - Delicately complex or understated

**Susceptible** - Likely to be influenced or affected

**Tacit** - Understood without speaking

**Tedious** - Dull; tiresome; boring

**Tentative** - Hesitant

**Unanimous** - Agreed upon by everyone involved

**Upend** - Turn upside down

**Utmost** - The most extreme; the greatest

**Vacate** - Leave; make empty

**Visage** - Face; sight

**Wrest** - Yank; pull violently