Vocabulary Ninja

KEY STAGE 2

WORD OF THE DAY PACK

'Words unlock the doors to a world of understanding...'

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Firstly, thank you for being a part of the vocabulary revolution! ViVa!! Together we can have a huge impact on understanding and application of vocabulary! Vocabulary Ninja is was born out of a desire to improve general outcomes for pupils within a classroom, stumbling upon vocabulary as a huge barrier. Just as times tables are a pre-requisite to most mathematical investigations, vocabulary is to reading and writing. Without an in-depth understanding, pupils will always have barriers in learning and in life!

Well, you have passed the first test grasshopper! And demonstrated your worth!! I must reward your endeavour with this wonderful 140 page VocabularyNinja Word of the Day Resource Pack!

Remember, the true value of being a VocabularyNinja lies in time given, it is a gift. Time must be provided for discussion, demonstration, explanation, play, sharing, editing, rehearsal and celebration. Simply showing pupils these words is not enough. Words unlock the doors to a world of understanding.
Word of the Day: **relinquish** (verb)

**Definition:** voluntarily cease claim or give up control.

*He relinquished his grip of his favourite book.*

**Synonym:** renounce, give up, abandon.

**Antonym:** retain, continue.

**Challenge:** Use WOD with -ed or -ing suffix in a compound sentence.

He relinquished his grip of his favourite book.
Word of the Day:

**plethora** (noun)

Definition: an abundance or excess.

There was/were a *plethora* of stores to buy goods from.

Synonym: excess, deluge, plenty.

Antonym: scarcity, few.

Challenge: Use WOD in a complex sentence.

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KS2 Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **devoured** (verb)

Definition: eat with speed, hungrily.

*The book was finished, she had* **devoured** *it.*

Synonym: chomped, gobbled, destroy.

Antonym: nibble, build.

Challenge: Use WOD to write a statement.

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Word of the Day: **dwindle** (verb)

**Definition:** reduce gradually in size, amount or strength.

Dwindling, the king’s power was not what it once was.

**Synonym:** decrease, reduce, wane.

**Antonym:** increase, flourish.

**Challenge:** Use WOD or with -ed or -ing opener / fronted adverbial.

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KS2 Word of the Day

Word of the Day: warrior (noun)

Definition: brave or experienced soldier.

There stood a warrior, tall, strong and effortlessly brave.

Synonym: fighter or soldier.

Antonym: civilian.

Challenge: Post-modify WOD in a sentence.

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KS2 Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **simultaneously** (adv.)
Definition: at the same time.

*The soldiers* **simultaneously** raised their berets to salute the major.

**Synonym:** together.
**Antonym:** singly.
**Challenge:** Use WOD as a fronted adverbial.

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Word of the Day: **impede**  
Definition: delay or prevent by obstructing.

_Pupil progress may be **impeded** by lack of exposure to vocabulary._

**Synonym:** hinder.

**Antonym:** facilitate.

**Challenge:** Use WOD with -ing or -ed suffix.
KS2 Word of the Day

Word of the Day: revenge (verb / noun)

Definition: an act in return of injury or offence.

His final act of revenge was desperate and reckless.

Synonym: retaliate, vengeance.

Antonym: forgive.

Challenge: Use WOD to describe the weather's actions.

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KS2 Word of the Day

Word of the Day: smuggle / smuggler

Definition: move something secretly, possibly illegally. Someone who carries out this act.

The pupil smuggled sweets into the playground.

Synonym: sneak.

Antonym:

Challenge: Use WOD in a complex sentence.
**Word of the Day**

**Word of the Day:** imagined / imagination

**Definition:** a mental image or picture in your head.

The world the child had imagined was unlike anything he had seen before.

**Synonym:** picture, visualise.

**Antonym:** doubt.

**Challenge:** Describe what a character imagines.
Word of the Day: jubilant (adj.)

Definition: a feeling of great happiness.

Easter was over, the teachers were feeling **jubilant**, they were ready to teach.

Synonym: triumphant.

Antonym: despondent.

Challenge: Use WOD in an embedded clause.
**Word of the Day:** flail  (verb)

**Definition:** wave or swing wildly.

*The children were flailing their arms in the air, like they just didn't care.*

**Synonym:** wave, swing.

**Antonym:** still.

**Challenge:** Use WOD in direct speech.
Word of the Day: **hypnotism** (noun)

Definition: the practice of hypnotising people.

*Hypnotism was being used to control the unruly children.*

Synonym: hypnosis.

Antonym: 

Challenge: Find WOD in our KS2 book of the day.

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Word of the Day:  profound  (adj.)

Definition:  very great or intense state.

The doctor let out a profound sigh of relief.

So profound was her grief, she could not fight back the tears.

Synonym:  heartfelt, intense, extreme.

Antonym:  superficial, mild.

Challenge:  Post a picture of little ninjas sentences using WOD.

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Word of the Day: marathon (noun.)
Definition: 26 mile race or a long task.

Easter revision was a marathon!
Thousands of people ran the London marathon.

Synonym:
Antonym:
Challenge: Write a sentence using parenthesis.
Word of the Day: **germinate** (verb)

**Definition:** begin to grow and put out shoots.

Germination was a slow process. The seeds began to germinate.

**Synonym:** develop, grow.

**Antonym:** die.

**Challenge:** Plant some seeds and watch for a week. Then write a sentence about it.

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Word of the Day: *crippled* (adj.)

Definition: unable to walk or move properly / severely damaged.

The computer was *crippled* by a notorious virus.

Synonym: broken, disabled.

Antonym: boost.

Challenge: Use WOD with a modal verb in a sentence.

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Word of the Day: **serious** (adj.)

**Definition**: acting or speaking sincerely, meaning it.

Correct PE kit was a **serious** matter.

**Synonym**: important, significant.

**Antonym**: joking

**Challenge**: Write a serious sentence... seriously.

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KS2 Word of the Day

Word of the Day: deliberate (adj.)

Definition: done consciously and with intent.

His poor behaviour was deliberate.

Deliberately, the hungry tiger waited, motionless in the long grass.

Synonym: intentional, calculated.

Antonym: accidental.

Challenge: Use WOD in a fronted adverbial.

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KS1 Word of the Day

Word of the Day: rise / rose (verb)
Definition: move from lower position to higher.

The knight rose slowly from being knighted!

Synonym: stand up.
Antonym: lower.
Challenge: Use WOD as in past tense.

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Word of the Day: recycle (verb)

Definition: convert waste into a reusable material.

It is important to recycle your plastic!

Synonym: reuse
Antonym: waste.
Challenge: Use WOD in a question.

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KS1 Word of the Day

Word of the Day: create (verb)

Definition: to make or bring something into existence.

How could the children create such a mess?

Synonym: generate, produce.

Antonym: destroy.

Challenge: Use WOD in a question.


**KS2 Word of the Day**

**Word of the Day:** contemplate (verb)

**Definition:** think about or look at for a long time. Think deeply.

*The manager had to **contemplate** how the game had played out.*

**Synonym:** observe, scrutinise.

**Antonym:** ignore.

**Challenge:** Use WOD in a compound sentence.

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Word of the Day: **participate** (verb)

**Definition:** to take part in.

*Participation* levels were high on sports day.

"I wish to *participate,*" bellowed Timmy.

**Synonym:** take part, involve.

**Antonym:** prevent, ignore.

**Challenge:** Use WOD in a fronted adverbial.
Word of the Day: **unfold** (verb)

**Definition**: spread out or gradually develop.

*The story unfolded word by word.*

*Vocabulary Ninja must carefully unfold his belt.*

**Synonym**: flatten, develop.

**Antonym**: fold.

**Challenge**: Use WOD to describe.
KS2 Word of the Day

Word of the Day: epiphany (noun)

Definition: a moment of sudden revelation.

The secondary teacher had an epiphany...primary rocked!

Liam had an epiphany whilst learning about subjunctive mood.

Synonym: awakening.

Challenge: Use WOD in an exclamation sentence.

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Word of the Day: **occasionally** (adverb)

Definition: at irregular intervals.

**Occasionally**, I like to boogie!

My aunt and uncle visit **occasionally**.

**Synonym**: infrequently.

**Antonym**: often, frequently.

**Challenge**: Use WOD in an exclamation as affronted adverbial.

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Word of the Day: **belonged**

**Definition:** the property of.

*The fidget spinner *belonged* to the pupil.*

"*Fidget spinners don't *belong* here,*" said the teacher.

**Synonym:** own / owned / owns / owned

**Antonym:** alienate.

**Challenge:** Use WOD in simple sentence..

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Word of the Day: tiptoed (verb)

Definition: walk quietly or carefully avoid.

Tiptoeing carefully, he crept towards the biscuits.

He tiptoed away with a custard cream.

Synonym: snuck, sneak, avoid.

Challenge: Use WOD in simple sentence.
Word of the Day: **anxious** (adjective)

Definition: feeling or showing worry.

*The ninja is never anxious.*

SATs had arrived, she was no longer anxious, she was ready.

Synonym: worried, nervous.

Challenge: Use WOD in an embedded clause.

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Word of the Day: **disguised** (verb)

Definition: change appearance to hide.

*The disguise was terrible.*

*He could not disguise his anger.*

**Synonym:** impersonate.

**Antonym:** reveal.

**Challenge:** Use WOD in a complex sentence.

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Word of the Day: **poisoned** (verb)

**Definition:** being administered poison.

*The poison was rather deadly.*

*The ninja stealthily poisoned the target.*

**Synonym:**

**Antonym:** cured.

**Challenge:** Use WOD in a complex sentence.

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KS2 Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **indignant** (adjective)

**Definition**: angered at being treated unfairly.

*Indignant* and exhausted, he gave up.

**Synonym**: aggrieved

**Antonym**: content.

**Challenge**: Use WOD in a compound sentence.

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Word of the Day:  **translucent**  (adj)

**Definition:** allowing some light to pass through.

*Translucent* wings spread as wide as the cavern.

**Synonym:** transparent.

**Antonym:** opaque.

**Challenge:** Use WOD in science lessons.

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KS2 Word of the Day

Word of the Day: illustrate (verb)

Definition: draw pictures to bring a story to life.

The teacher illustrated his point using the movie.

Synonym: decorate.

Antonym:

Challenge: Use WOD in a compound sentence.

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KS2 Word of the Day

Word of the Day: devour (verb)

Definition: eat hungrily or quickly

The ant-eater greedily devoured the juicy ants

Synonym: consume.

Antonym: savour.

Challenge: Use WOD in a compound sentence.

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Word of the Day: plunder (verb / noun)

Definition: steal goods using force - time of war.

The hungry teacher plundered the pupil’s packed lunches in search of salt and vinegar crisps.

Synonym: pillage.

Antonym: retrieve.

Challenge: Use WOD in a compound sentence.

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Word of the Day: **havoc** (verb/noun)

**Definition:** widespread destruction / to lay waste.

*The hurricane had caused *havoc* in Cuba.*

**Synonym:** devastation.

**Antonym:** peace.

**Challenge:** Use WOD in a compound sentence.

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KS2 Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **pinnacle** (noun/verb)

Definition: the most successful point / peak of a high point.

*Winning the cup was the pinnacle of his career.*

Synonym: peak.

Antonym: trough.

Challenge: Use WOD in a complex sentence.

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'Words unlock the doors to a world of understanding...’
Word of the Day: restrain (verb)

Definition: prevent someone from doing something.

The pupils couldn't restrain their excitement.

Synonym: prevent.

Antonym: provoke.

Challenge: Use WOD in a relative clause.
Word of the Day: capitulate (verb)

Definition: To stop fighting an enemy and admit defeat.

The army was close to capitulating after the siege.

Synonym: surrender.

Antonym: resist.

Challenge: Use WOD in a multi-clause sentence.

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Word of the Day: adopt (verb)

Definition: choose to take-up or follow an action or idea / raise a child as your own.

The sports team adopted black arm bands as a show of respect.

Synonym: embrace.
Antonym: abandon.

Challenge: Use WOD with a suffix -ing -tion.
KS2 Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **solidarity**  (noun)

**Definition:** unity of feelings or actions, coming together over common interest.

*There was a great feeling of solidarity between the soldiers.*

**Synonym:** unity.
**Antonym:** individuality.

**Challenge:** Use WOD in a compound sentence.

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Word of the Day: panorama (noun)

Definition: an unbroken view of a region / wide view.

The school hall offered a panorama of children's writing on the walls.

Synonym: landscape.

Antonym:

Challenge: Use WOD in a complex sentence.

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Word of the Day: codswallop (noun)

Definition: another word for nonsense

The teacher's lesson was pure codswallop!

Synonym: nonsense.
Antonym: 

Challenge: Use WOD in a complex sentence.
**Word of the Day**

**tedious** (adjective)

**Definition:** too long, slow, or dull; tiresome.

*The school holiday quickly became tedious and boring.*

**Synonym:** monotonous.

**Antonym:** exciting.

**Challenge:** Use **WOD** in a multi-clause sentence.

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Word of the Day: immaculate (adjective)

Definition: perfectly clean, neat or tidy.

The blue dress was immaculate, without flaws, perfection.

Synonym: spotless.

Antonym: grubby.

Challenge: Use WOD in a multi-clause sentence.

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'Words unlock the doors to a world of understanding..."
Word of the Day: euphoria / euphoric

Definition: feeling of extreme happiness.

Euphoria spread around the school like a wild fire! The year 5 pupils had won the national poetry competition!

Synonym: delight.

Antonym: misery.

Challenge: Use WOD in a statement.
Word of the Day: **disclose**  (verb)

Definition: make secret information known.

She disclosed her secret to dividing fractions!

Synonym: reveal.

Antonym: conceal.

Challenge: Use WOD in a simple sentence.

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**Word of the Day**

**undercover** (adjective)

**Definition:** secret work.

*The police were involved in an undercover operation.*

**Synonym:** secret.

**Antonym:** open.

**Challenge:** *Use WOD in a simple sentence.*
Word of the Day: **elope**  
*(verb)*

**Definition:** run away secretly in order to get married.

*Romeo and Juliet planned to **elope** at midnight, to escape their quarrelling families.*

**Synonym:** abscond.

**Antonym:**

**Challenge:** *Use WOD in a complex sentence.*

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**KS2 Word of the Day**

**Word of the Day:** premature (adj)

**Definition:** occurring or done before the usual or proper time.

*Pupils ran prematurely into the school, the bell hadn't yet rang.*

**Synonym:** untimely.

**Antonym:** overdue.

**Challenge:** Use WOD in a complex sentence.

'Through the window, he saw the rain pouring down, prematurely.

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'Words unlock the doors to a world of understanding...'
**Word of the Day:** brunch (noun)

**Definition:** a meal that is eaten late morning, sometime between breakfast and lunch.

*The teachers scoffed brunch, whilst the children played on the yard.*

**Synonym:**

**Antonym:**

**Challenge:** Use WOD in a complex sentence.

*Words unlock the doors to a world of understanding...*
Word of the Day: **dehydrated** (verb)

**Definition:** cause a person's body to lose a large amount of water.

*After the marathon, the runner was dehydrated.*

**Synonym:** dehumidify.

**Antonym:** hydrate.

**Challenge:** *Use WOD in a compound sentence.*

"Words unlock the doors to a world of understanding..."
Word of the Day: alleviate

Definition: to make less severe.

The heat of the sun was alleviated by the juicy rocket lolly!

Synonym: reduce.
Antonym: aggravate.

Challenge: Use WOD in a compound sentence.
**KS2 Word of the Day**

**Word of the Day:** *gullible*  
(adj)

**Definition:** easily persuaded to believe something.

**Gullible** Mr Dyson was convinced that pigs could fly!

**Synonym:** naive.

**Antonym:** cynical.

**Challenge:** Use WOD as an adverb.

'Words unlock the doors to a world of understanding...'
Word of the Day: **tragedy / tragic** (noun / adj)

**Definition:** something that has caused extreme sorrow.

*The circumstances in which the train crashed were tragic.*

**Synonym:** catastrophe / catastrophic.

**Antonym:**

**Challenge:** Use WOD in a simple sentence.

'Words unlock the doors to a world of understanding...'
KS2 Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **bamboozle** (Verb)

Definition: cheat or fool

The year 5 pupil **bamboozled** the school with her magic tricks during the talent show.

Synonym: cheat / fool.
Antonym: 

Challenge: Use WOD in past participle.

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'Words unlock the doors to a world of understanding...''
**KS2 Word of the Day**

**Word of the Day:** *elite*  
(noun/adj)

**Definition:** a group of people with power / the best.

*The elite soldiers were guarding the palace perimeter.*

**Synonym:** creme de la creme.  
**Antonym:** dregs

**Challenge:** Use WOD in a simple sentence.

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**Word of the Day**: corrupt  (adj / verb)

**Definition**: having or showing a willingness to act dishonest for money or gain.

*The final was ruined by the corrupt officials.*

*You could smell the corruption.*

**Synonym**: dishonest.

**Antonym**: conform

**Challenge**: Use WOD in an embedded clause.

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**KS2 Word of the Day**

**Word of the Day:** vigour  (noun)

**Definition:** physical strength or good health / energetic or enthusiasm.

*The cartwheels were a sign of vigour and health.*

*The warm-up was vigorous!*

**Synonym:** robust.

**Antonym:** lethargic.

**Challenge:** Use WOD in an embedded clause.

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KS2 Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **penultimate** (adj)

**Definition:** last but one, second last.

*Lewis Hamilton began the **penultimate** lap in first place!*

**Synonym:**

**Antonym:**

**Challenge:** Use WOD in an relative clause.

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'Words unlock the doors to a world of understanding...'
Word of the Day: applause (noun)

Definition: approval or praise expressed by clapping.

The applause from the crowd was deafening.

Synonym: cheer.
Antonym: boo.
Challenge: Use WOD in compound sentence.
Word of the Day: **rebuff** (noun / verb)

Definition: reject in an ungracious or abrupt manner.

*The head teacher rebuffed the children's requests for an extra break time."

**Synonym:** reject.

**Antonym:** welcome.

**Challenge:** Use WOD in complex sentence.

‘Words unlock the doors to a world of understanding...’
Word of the Day: 

**cripple** (verb)

**Definition:** cause someone to become unable to walk / cause severe problem.

The pirates quickly **crippled** the ship’s engine.

**Synonym:** disable.

**Antonym:** boost.

**Challenge:** Use WOD as a past participle.

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'Words unlock the doors to a world of understanding...'
Word of the Day: **contemplate** (verb)

Definition: to think about something in a deep way, something important.

The school council had to **contemplate** whether or not to buy new bins.

Synonym: think, deliberate.
Antonym:

Challenge: Use WOD in a compound sentence.

'Words unlock the doors to a world of understanding...'
Word of the Day: **barbecue** (noun / verb)

**Definition:** food cooked on an open fire or coals, usually meat.

*We must* **barbecue** *the sausages perfectly, so that we do not get food poisoning.*

**Synonym:** cook.

**Antonym:**

**Challenge:** *Use WOD in a simple sentence.*

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Word of the Day: **ecstasy**  (noun)

**Definition:** an overwhelming feeling of great happiness of joyful excitement.

There was a look of **ecstasy** on the pupil’s face, as he saw an elephant for the first time.

**Synonym:** euphoria.

**Antonym:** misery.

**Challenge:** Use WOD in a complex sentence.

'Words unlock the doors to a world of understanding...'
**Word of the Day**

**propaganda** (noun)

**Definition**: Information that is misleading to promote a point of view.

*Don't believe the hype, it's all propaganda!*

**Synonym**: Publicity.

**Antonym**: Propaganda.

**Challenge**: Use WOD in a complex sentence.

*Words unlock the doors to a world of understanding...*
Word of the Day: malleable (adj)

Definition: easily hammered into a new shape / easily influenced.

The teacher believed her new class would be extremely malleable and would meet her expectations.

Synonym: workable.
Antonym: hard.

Challenge: Use WOD in a compound sentence.
**KS2 Word of the Day**

**Word of the Day:** temporary (adj/noun)

**Definition:** lasting for a limited period of time/ a person who is employed on a temporary basis.

*The pressure of SATs was only temporary...or was it?*

**Synonym:** fleeting.

**Antonym:** permanent.

**Challenge:** Use WOD in a compound sentence.

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Word of the Day: **troglodyte** (noun)

**Definition:** someone who lives in a cave / someone who is deliberately ignorant or old-fashioned.

The children thought the teacher was a total troglodyte, all he ever used was worksheets and the blackboard.

**Synonym:**

**Antonym:**

**Challenge:** Use WOD in a multi-clause sentence.

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Word of the Day: nauseating (adjective)

Definition: making someone feel sick or nauseous.

The stench coming from the farmyard was nauseating.

Synonym: sickening.
Antonym: 

Challenge: Use WOD in a multi-clause sentence.

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'Words unlock the doors to a world of understanding...'
Word of the Day: **vulnerable** (adjective)

**Definition**: exposed to the possibility of being attacked or harmed.

*The fifth platoon were vulnerable after the enemies latest attack.*

**Synonym**: endangered.

**Antonym**: well protected.

**Challenge**: Use WOD in a multi-clause sentence.

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**Word of the Day:** bewitch (verb)

**Definition:** to attract or interest them a lot, so that you have power over them.

The young knight was bewitched by the beauty of the princess. He would do anything she asked.

**Synonym:** charm.

**Antonym:**

**Challenge:** Use WOD in a multi-clause sentence.