ABDUCT
(ab DUKT) v.
to kidnap or carry off by force

Sounds like: DUCK

The Evil Knight planned to ABDUCT the queen when she came alone to the village.

Our basketball team was ABDUCTED by aliens who carried them off to the planet Mars.

The neighbor’s boy ABDUCTED our pet pig, and we paid a ransom of a box of cookies to get him back.
After school, Alexander and Tom AMBLED down the road to the fishing hole to catch their dinner.

“AMBLE on out here,” the dance instructor said to the new student. “Let’s see some of your moves.”

Jack walked with an AMBLING quality, as if he hadn’t a care in the world.
SCAMPER
(SCAM pur) v.
to run; to go hastily of lightly
Sounds like: HAMPER

“The laundry HAMPER SCAMPERED to the finish line.”

- The dogs SCAMPERED across the lawn to the house.
- The cat SCAMPERED after the rolling ball.
- We planned to SCAMPER past the guards when their backs were turned.
**IMPALE**
(im PALE) v.
to pierce through with any sharp pointed object

Sounds like: PAIL

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- The sales clerk IMPALED his sales order on a nail.
- Roger fell on a stick and IMPALED his hand.
- Butterfly collections usually consist of dead butterflies that have been IMPALED and placed in display cases.

“An IMPALED PAIL”
MINISCULE
(MI nus kyoool) adj.
very small

Sounds like: MINI SCHOOL

It only takes a MINISCULE crack in a dam to start a flood.

Jane explained she had turned her back only for a MINISCULE moment, but it was long enough for her baby sister to stick her entire face into the lemon pie.

“Roger’s MINISCULE MINI SCHOOL.”
ENCROACH
(in KROHCH) v.
to intrude gradually upon the rights of another; to trespass

Sounds like: ROACH

“ROACHES will ENCROACH wherever there is food.”

- With an ENCROACHING anxiety, I made my way to where the crashed car lay on its side.

- The weeds from the adjacent vacant lot continued spreading with each rain until they ENCROACHED into our vegetable garden.
FERTILE
(FUR tul) adj.
able to reproduce children, seeds, or fruits; highly productive
Sounds like: TURTLE

“A FERTILE TURTLE”

- Mabel is our FERTILE cow and has a calf every spring.
- The village was located in a FERTILE valley where many farms grow vegetables.
- Most fiction writers have FERTILE imaginations.
**LIMBER**

(LIM bur) *adj.*

flexible; exercise so as to become limber

Sounds like: **LUMBER**

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- Ballet dancers have **LIMBER** muscles.
- The team **LIMBERED** up by doing stretching exercises before the game.
- Diane was a **LIMBER** athlete, but she is no longer as flexible as she once was.
TIMID
(TIM id) adj.
shy, hesitant, fearful
Sounds like: TIM HID

Our dog TIMIDLY approached the dinner table because he knew he was not allowed to beg for food.

TIMID salespeople usually do not do well.

The TIMIDITY of the welcoming committee was due to the fact they were not sure who they were supposed to be welcoming.

“TIM HID at his own birthday party because he was TIMID.”
COLOSSAL
(kuh LOS ul) adj.
enormous, gigantic; huge in size, extent or degree

Sounds like: FOSSIL

The navy’s aircraft carriers are COLOSSAL ships that carry as many as three thousand sailors.

Borrowing my father’s car without his permission was a COLOSSAL mistake.

Jerry had a COLOSSAL ego and thought he was the most handsome guy in school.