

WORDS OF THE WEEK!



exasperated

adj. annoyed or frustrated
when you feel like nothing is going your way



heartbroken

adj. miserable or crushed
when you're so sad that you sit on the sofa eating ice cream



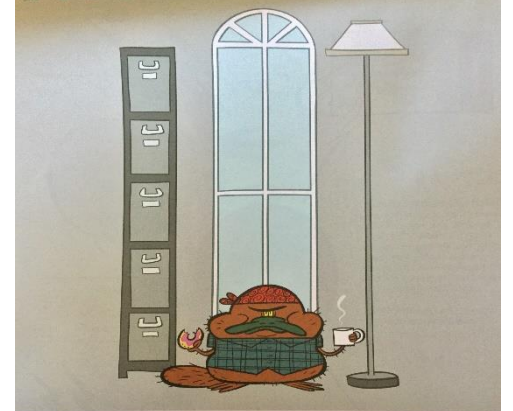
precipitous

adj. steep or dangerously high
like the edge of a very scary mountain



shrill

adj. sharp or high-pitched
like the sound of a giant whistle



squat

adj. short and stubby
like a body that looks as if it has been squashed down

word pairs

- exasperated state
- exasperated sigh
- exasperated grimace

etymology

Exasperated comes from the Latin word *exasperare*, which means "make rough or irritate".

used in 5.2% of stories

synonyms

- annoyed
- frustrated
- irritated

adj.

annoyed or frustrated when you feel like nothing is going your way

tell a story

There weren't many things that could make Bogart feel this **exasperated**...

word pairs

- heartbroken sobs
- heartbroken cry
- heartbroken fans

etymology

Big Joe's family of animals were gone, and he was **heartbroken**.

Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo

used in 2% of stories

synonyms

- depressed
- miserable
- crushed

adj.

miserable or crushed when you're so sad that you sit on the sofa eating ice cream

tell a story

Ever since the breakup, Plato was too **heartbroken** to leave the sofa...

word pairs

- precipitous cliff
- precipitous slope
- precipitous descent

etymology

In late evening he arrived at the edge of a **precipitous** ravine. The Anzara River rushed by far below, heading to Palmar Valley. Gorged with hundreds of tiny streams, the river was a brute force, battling against the rocks and boulders that barred its way.

Eragon by Christopher Paolini

used in 4% of stories

synonyms

- steep
- sharp
- sudden

adj.

steep or dangerously high like the edge of a very scary mountain

tell a story

Beornice clung desperately to the side of the **precipitous** cliff...

word pairs

- shrill whistle
- shrill scream
- shrill laugh

etymology

"At this moment the children were for a few seconds in very great danger. For with wild cries and a noise of skirling pipes and shrill horns blowing, the whole of that vile rabble came sweeping off the hill-top and down the slope right past their hiding-place."

Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis

used in 14.9% of stories

synonyms

- high-pitched
- harsh
- piercing

adj.

sharp or high-pitched like the sound of a giant whistle

tell a story

The **shrill** sound of the whistle was beginning to get on Grit's nerves...

word pairs

- squat man
- squat building
- squat hut

etymology

"A stream ran across it and on the far side of the stream stood a **squat**, square tower with very few and narrow windows and one heavy-looking door in the wall that faced them."

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Last Battle by C. S. Lewis

used in 6.3% of stories

synonyms

- short
- stubby
- squashed

adj.

short and stubby like a body that looks as if it has been squashed down

tell a story

Everything in Shang High's office made Plato look **squat** in comparison...