

WORDS OF THE WEEK!



crave

v. to long for or desire

when you want something so much it's all you think about



hurtle

v. to rush or move very quickly

like a big asteroid plunging toward Earth



irresistible

adj. appealing and inviting

like something so tempting you can't help reaching for it



secluded

adj. quiet or remote

like a place where you can be completely alone



siege

n. a blockade or assault

when soldiers surround the enemy until they surrender

word pairs

- crave coffee
- crave power
- crave attention

etymology

Crave comes from the North Germanic word *kræslan*, which means "to ask for or demand".

crave

to long for or desire when you want something so much it's all you think about

SYNONYMS

- desire
- want
- long for

Used in **8.8%** of stories

tell a story

There was only one thing that Mrs Wordsmith **craved** more than coffee...

word pairs

- the asteroid hurtled
- the train hurtled
- the spaceship hurtled

etymology

Then - whizz-whizz-whizz - some heavy object came hurtling through the air, and with a crash a big boulder fell about twenty paces ahead of them.

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Silver Chair by C. S. Lewis

hurtle

to rush or move very quickly like a big asteroid plunging toward Earth

SYNONYMS

- rush
- plunge
- charge

Used in **3.8%** of stories

tell a story

Arnie had no idea that there was an asteroid **hurtling** toward him...

word pairs

- irresistible temptation
- irresistible craving
- irresistible urge

etymology

The next day and the day after, he hung about the courtroom, drawn by an almost irresistible impulse to go in, but forcing himself to stay out. Luck was now on his side, however.

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain

irresistible

appealing and inviting like something so tempting you can't help reaching for it

SYNONYMS

- gorgeous
- inviting
- appealing

Used in **12.1%** of stories

tell a story

The spotted fish looked **irresistible**. Yin simply couldn't help herself...

word pairs

- secluded spot
- secluded beach
- secluded corner

etymology

Secluded comes from the Latin word *secludere*, which means "to shut off or confine".

secluded

quiet or remote like a place where you can be completely alone

SYNONYMS

- quiet
- remote
- sheltered

Used in **6.6%** of stories

tell a story

Arnie found a **secluded** spot to park his Mars rover...

word pairs

- brutal siege
- long siege
- bloody siege

etymology

Phoenicia was less easy to conquer. For seven long months Alexander laid **siege** to the city of Tyro. Its destruction, when it came, was all the more brutal.

A Little History of the World by Ernst Gombrich

siege

a blockade or assault when soldiers surround the enemy until they surrender

SYNONYMS

- encirclement
- blockade
- assault

Used in **7.4%** of stories

tell a story

It was a long and brutal **siege**...