



# Seedfolks

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## Power Vocabulary List

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### ADULT

*Pronunciation* uh-duhlt

*Part of Speech* noun

*Definition 1* a fully grown person or animal

*Word Used in Context*

It is the responsibility of the **adult** in the household to protect the children.

A human **adult** weighs about twenty times more than a human newborn.

Her mother told her to quit whining and complaining and act like an **adult**.

### ADVICE\*

*Pronunciation* ad-vice

*Part of Speech* noun

*Definition 1* a suggestion about what someone should do

*Word Used in Context*

The school counselor could offer her **advice** about which career might be suitable for her.

Whenever I needed **advice** or direction, I went to my grandmother for guidance.

Her mother's **advice** was to always keep a positive attitude.

### BORDER\*

*Pronunciation* bor-dur

*Part of Speech* noun

*Definition 1* the dividing line between one country or region and another

*Word Used in Context*

In some countries, it is illegal for citizens of one city to cross the **border** into another city.

Stan built a picket fence to serve as the **border** between the two houses.

There is often an information center and rest stop at the **border** between two states.

### CAB\*

*Pronunciation* kab

*Part of Speech* noun

*Definition 1* a car that takes people from one place to another for a fee

*Word Used in Context*

Anita waved down a **cab** and when the yellow car stopped in front of her, she climbed inside.

She got out of the **cab**, but the driver drove away before she had a chance to pay him.

He called for a **cab** to take him to the airport.

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### COMMUNITY\*

*Pronunciation* kuh-**myoo**-nuh-tee

*Part of Speech* noun

*Definition 1* a group of people who live in the same area or who have something in common with each other

*Word Used in Context*

Everyone in the **community** made an effort to clean up after the storm.

Claire liked to visit the park in her **community** and chat with her neighbors.

The grocery store was small, but kept the favorite items of the **community** in stock.

### CONVERSATION\*

*Pronunciation* kon-vur-**say**-shuhn

*Part of Speech* noun

*Definition 1* oral exchange of sentiments, observations, opinions, or ideas

*Word Used in Context*

The teacher tried to include everyone in the **conversation** so nobody would feel left out.

There was a continuous rumble of noise in the background of the phone call, which made it difficult to understand any of the **conversation**.

Hallie was not interested in having a **conversation** about sports, but wanted to talk about her dog instead.

### DAZE\*

*Pronunciation* **dayz**

*Part of Speech* noun

*Definition 1* stunned and unable to think clearly

*Word Used in Context*

She was so rattled by the car accident that she wandered around in a **daze** for hours.

Paul was surprised to awaken in a **daze** after the hypnotist took him out of a trance.

Missy was in a **daze** when she woke up from a three-hour nap.

### DEFINITE

*Pronunciation* **def**-uh-nit

*Part of Speech* adjective

*Definition 1* certain

*Word Used in Context*

His instructions were clear and **definite**.

She always had **definite** opinions about everything.

She asked for more **definite** information because what the doctors told her was vague and uncertain.



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### FUNNEL

*Pronunciation* **fuhn**-uhl

*Part of Speech* noun

*Definition 1* an open cone that narrows to a tube, used for pouring something into a container with a narrow neck

*Word Used in Context*

Tornadoes are storms that develop twisting clouds shaped like a **funnel**.

Lauren used a **funnel** to transfer the water from the big jug into the little bottle.

A **funnel** is shaped like a cone.

### HUMID

*Pronunciation* **hyoo**-mid

*Part of Speech* adjective

*Definition 1* damp and moist

*Word Used in Context*

It was so **humid** that after it rained, steam rose from the ground and his clothes become soaking wet.

Although it gets quite hot in the desert, it is not as uncomfortable as **humid** areas because the air is dry.

The day after it stormed was hot and **humid**.

### MEMORY\*

*Pronunciation* **mem**-uh-ree

*Part of Speech* noun

*Definition 1* something that you remember from the past

*Word Used in Context*

She had no **memory** of her childhood home, so she had to look at pictures to remind her.

Vince had a vivid **memory** of being lost in a department store as a child, and he could not forget it.

Her favorite **memory** was of her mother reading her a story before she went to bed.

### PARADISE

*Pronunciation* **pa**-ruh-dise

*Part of Speech* noun

*Definition 1* a place that is considered extremely beautiful and makes people feel happy and contented

*Word Used in Context*

Visitors to these famous landscape gardens felt they were entering a natural **paradise**.

In the beautiful islands of Hawaii, it's not hard to believe that you are in **paradise**.

As she lay by the quiet and listened to the birds softly chirping, she felt like she was in **paradise**.

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### PLASTIC\*

*Pronunciation* **plass-tik**

*Part of Speech* adjective

*Definition 1* made or consisting of any of numerous organic synthetic or processed materials that can be made into objects, films, or filaments

*Word Used in Context*

A **plastic** cup is much safer for a child than a glass one because it won't break.

Joyce stored her leftover food in **plastic** containers in the refrigerator.

Bob filled a small **plastic** bag with pretzels and put it into his lunchbox.

### RESTAURANT\*

*Pronunciation* **ress-tuh-rahnt**

*Part of Speech* noun

*Definition 1* a place where people pay to eat meals

*Word Used in Context*

Every night the **restaurant** was filled with people anxious to try the chef's famous soup.

Wonderful smells of Italian food wafted from the **restaurant**.

They decided to meet at the **restaurant** before the movie because they were both hungry.

### SLICE\*

*Pronunciation* **slisse**

*Part of Speech* noun

*Definition 1* a thin, flat piece cut from something larger

*Word Used in Context*

Carl ate a **slice** of bread spread with butter and sugar.

The waitress gave him another **slice** of pie for free.

Kelly wasn't terribly hungry, so she only ordered one **slice** of pizza.

### SOLITARY

*Pronunciation* **sol-uh-ter-ee**

*Part of Speech* adjective

*Definition 1* single

*Word Used in Context*

In the back of the library there was a **solitary** woman reading a book, who looked like she wanted to be left alone.

He spotted the **solitary** human figure running south toward the field because it was the only movement on the landscape.

He liked his **solitary** life, and did not miss the company of others.

### SPOUT

*Pronunciation* **spout**

*Part of Speech* noun

*Definition 1* a pipe, a tube, or an opening through which liquid flows or is poured

*Word Used in Context*

A steady stream of water came pouring out of its **spout**.

Suddenly steam began whistling out of the kettle **spout**.

The **spout** of the jar was clogged with hardened sugar.

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### TROWEL

*Pronunciation* **trou**-uhl

*Part of Speech* noun

*Definition 1* a hand tool with a small, curved blade, used for planting and other light garden work

*Word Used in Context*

Anna used the **trowel** to dig up the flowers so she could put them into pots.

Jake used the large shovel to dig up the section of the yard that would be the garden, but used a small **trowel** to actually plant the vegetables.

Betsy wanted a **trowel** with a red handle to match her gardening gloves.

### VACANT

*Pronunciation* **vay**-kuhnt

*Part of Speech* adjective

*Definition 1* empty or not occupied

*Word Used in Context*

Sam's landlord allowed the tenant to use a **vacant** room for temporary storage.

A few of the houses appear to be occupied, but most of them look **vacant**.

After the company relocated, the building that it formerly occupied remained **vacant** for months.

### WILT

*Pronunciation* **wilt**

*Part of Speech* verb

*Definition 1* to lose turgor from lack of water

*Word Used in Context*

Once the plant began to **wilt**, Margie put it out on the porch to get extra sunshine.

It made her sad to see the plant she had nurtured for so many months begin to **wilt**.

Too much water can cause a plant to **wilt**.

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## Power Vocabulary Activity



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**Directions:** For each vocabulary word below, circle it in the letter grid above—up and down, across, backwards or diagonally. Going across each row starting at the top left, place each unused letter on a blank until you reveal the hidden message.

ADULT	CONVERSATION	MEMORY	SOLITARY
ADVICE	DAZE	PARADISE	SPOUT
BORDER	DEFINITE	PLASTIC	TROWEL
CAB	FUNNEL	RESTAURANT	VACANT
COMMUNITY	HUMID	SLICE	WILT

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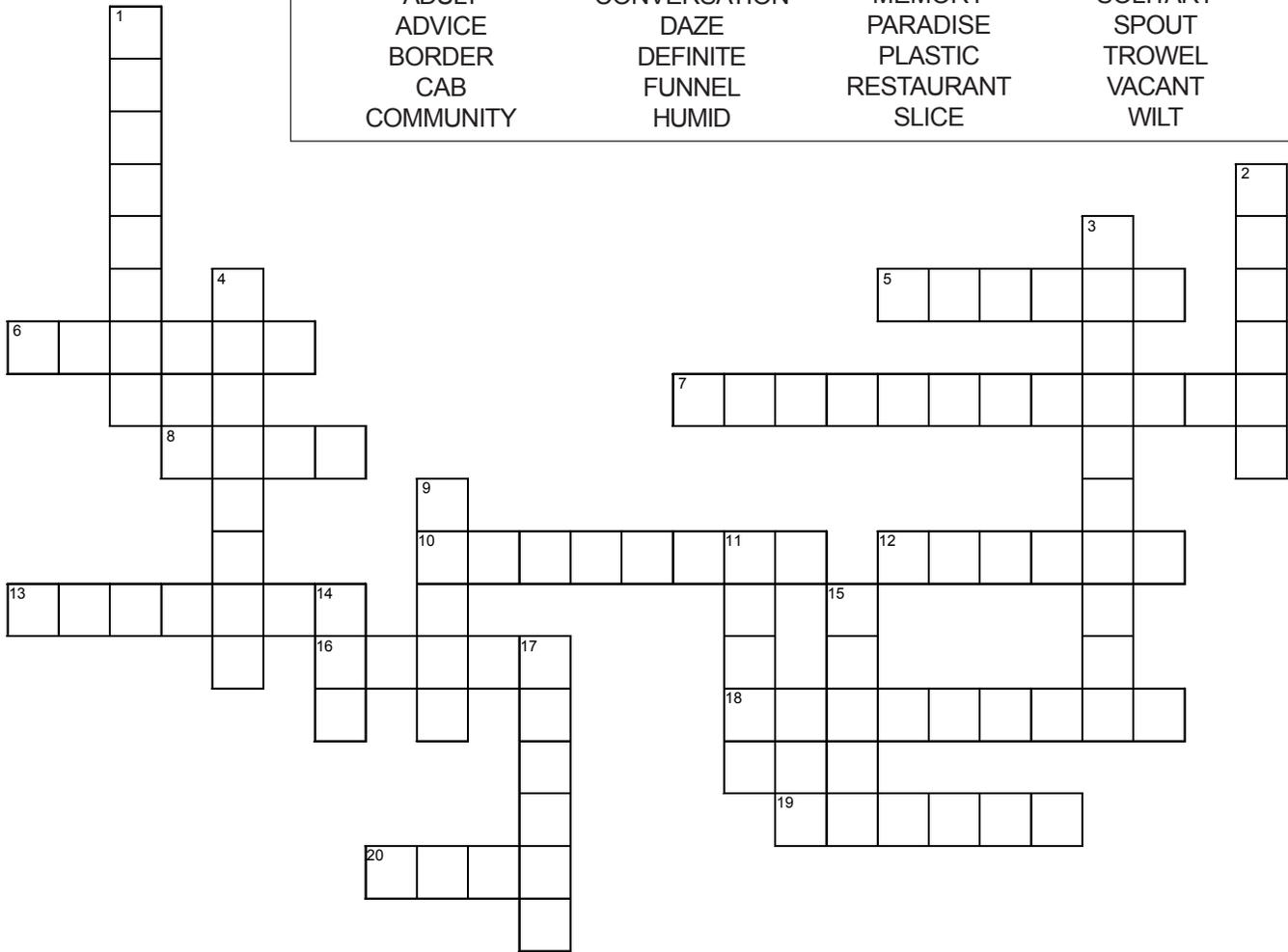
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### Across

5. an open cone that narrows to a tube, used for pouring something into a container with a narrow neck
6. the dividing line between one country or region and another
7. oral exchange of sentiments, observations, opinions, or ideas
8. to lose turgor from lack of water
10. a place that is considered extremely beautiful and makes people feel happy and contented
12. something that you remember from the past
13. made or consisting of any of numerous organic synthetic or processed materials that can be made into objects, films, or filaments
16. a fully grown person or animal
18. a group of people who live in the same area or who have something in common with each other
19. a suggestion about what someone should do
20. stunned and unable to think clearly

### Down

1. single
2. empty or not occupied
3. a place where people pay to eat meals
4. certain
9. a pipe, a tube, or an opening through which liquid flows or is poured
11. a thin, flat piece cut from something larger
14. a car that takes people from one place to another for a fee
15. damp and moist
17. a hand tool with a small, curved blade, used for planting and other light garden work



**Directions:** For each vocabulary word in the left column, locate its definition in the right column. Write the number of the correct definition in the blank before the word.

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|------------------|--|
| ___ adult        | 1. a hand tool with a small, curved blade, used for planting and other light garden work   |
| ___ advice       | 2. made or consisting of any of numerous organic synthetic or processed materials that can be made into objects, films, or filaments |
| ___ border       | 3. a group of people who live in the same area or who have something in common with each other                                       |
| ___ cab          | 4. damp and moist  |
| ___ community    | 5. a pipe, a tube, or an opening through which liquid flows or is poured   |
| ___ conversation | 6. oral exchange of sentiments, observations, opinions, or ideas   |
| ___ daze         | 7. stunned and unable to think clearly   |
| ___ definite     | 8. a car that takes people from one place to another for a fee   |
| ___ funnel       | 9. a place where people pay to eat meals   |
| ___ humid        | 10. a suggestion about what someone should do  |
| ___ memory       | 11. certain  |
| ___ paradise     | 12. empty or not occupied  |
| ___ plastic      | 13. single   |
| ___ restaurant   | 14. the dividing line between one country or region and another  |
| ___ slice        | 15. something that you remember from the past  |
| ___ solitary     | 16. an open cone that narrows to a tube, used for pouring something into a container with a narrow neck                              |
| ___ spout        | 17. to lose turgor from lack of water  |
| ___ trowel       | 18. a thin, flat piece cut from something larger   |
| ___ vacant       | 19. a fully grown person or animal   |
| ___ wilt         | 20. a place that is considered extremely beautiful and makes people feel happy and contented   |

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## Power Vocabulary Assessment



**Directions:** Now that you have completed *Seedfolks*, it's time to see if you can use the Power Vocabulary Words you learned while reading this book. Look at each of the sentences below and fill in the Power Vocabulary Word that would best complete the sentence.

ADULT	CONVERSATION	MEMORY	SOLITARY
ADVICE	DAZE	PARADISE	SPOUT
BORDER	DEFINITE	PLASTIC	TROWEL
CAB	FUNNEL	RESTAURANT	VACANT
COMMUNITY	HUMID	SLICE	WILT

1. Her idea of \_\_\_\_\_ was a secluded cabin in the woods, away from hectic city life.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ lions will travel long distances to find a meal to bring back to their cubs.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ was shut down because of its unsanitary kitchen.
4. Building the playground was a \_\_\_\_\_ effort.
5. She was too stubborn to ask for \_\_\_\_\_, so she tried to solve the problem by herself.
6. The doll looked like expensive porcelain, but it was just a \_\_\_\_\_ replica.
7. She tried to replace the bad \_\_\_\_\_ of the picnic with a good recollection of the concert afterward.
8. Peter gave a \_\_\_\_\_ of apple to each of his friends.
9. Bill waited until the restaurant was \_\_\_\_\_ before he started counting the money in the cash register.
10. Anne has trouble managing her hair on \_\_\_\_\_ days because all of the moisture makes it too curly.
11. Jake attached the hose to the water \_\_\_\_\_ on the back of the house.
12. Their mother drew an imaginary line in the carpet to act as a \_\_\_\_\_ between the two sides of the room.
13. They found a \_\_\_\_\_ and gave the driver the address.
14. He lived a \_\_\_\_\_ life, detached from everyone else.
15. Bob accidentally left his \_\_\_\_\_ in the garden, and found that it had rusted after the rainstorm.
16. Martin looked at the blackboard in a \_\_\_\_\_, completely confused by the math lesson.
17. Their \_\_\_\_\_ was brief but very interesting.
18. Her father put a \_\_\_\_\_ into the car's radiator to pour in the antifreeze.
19. She knew that eventually the cut flowers would \_\_\_\_\_, but was sure they would last throughout the party.
20. He was a man of very \_\_\_\_\_ opinions who never hesitated to say what he thought.