

Letter Z Vocabulary Words

with Definitions and Example Sentences



3 Letter Words

- zap: to hit or destroy with a sudden burst of energy. "The bug zapper will zap any mosquitoes that come near."
- zip: to fasten with a zipper. "I need to zip up my coat before heading outside."
- zit: a small, red, inflamed spot on the skin. "He woke up with a zit on his forehead."
- zen: a state of calmness. "Sitting quietly in the garden made me feel very zen and peaceful."

Simple Preschool Words

- zero: the number 0; nothing. "He scored zero points in the game."
- zone: an area with certain features or for certain activities. "Please stay in the play zone so we can see what everyone is doing."

Kindergarten Words

- zillion: an extremely large number. "He has a zillion ideas."
- zoomies: sudden bursts of energy in pets, especially dogs and cats, where they run around wildly. "The dog had the zoomies after his bath and ran around the house."

Elementary Words

- zenith: the highest point reached by a star or planet in the sky. “The sun reached its zenith at noon.”
- zinc: a chemical element used in making alloys and protective coatings for steel and iron. “The steel beams were coated in zinc for protection.”
- zodiac: a line of space around Earth that includes the path the Sun takes around Earth and 12 well-known constellations. “The zodiac has 12 constellations, like Leo and Aquarius.”

Food Words

- zander: a type of fish similar to pike. “They cooked zander for dinner.”
- ziti: a tubular-shaped pasta. “She made baked ziti for dinner.”
- zucchini: a green summer squash. “They made a salad with zucchini.”
- zwieback: a type of crisp, sweetened bread. “She had zwieback with her tea.”
- zest: the outer peel of citrus fruit used as flavoring. “She added lemon zest to the cake.”
- zuppa: Italian for soup. “They enjoyed a warm bowl of zuppa.”

Animal Words

- zebra: an African wild horse with black-and-white stripes. “The zebra grazed in the field.”
- zebu: a type of domestic cattle with a hump. “The zebu wandered the farm.”
- zorilla: a small African mammal that resembles a skunk. “The zorilla is known for its strong odor.”
- zonkey: a hybrid of a zebra and a donkey. “The zoo had a rare zonkey.”
- zorse: a hybrid of a zebra and a horse. “The zorse was an unusual sight.”
- zebra finch: a small songbird. “The zebra finch sang cheerfully.”
- zebrafish: a small freshwater fish. “The zebrafish is popular in aquariums.”

Object Words

- zamboni: a machine used to smooth the surface of an ice rink. “The zamboni cleaned the ice between periods of the hockey game.”
- zapper: a device used to kill insects. “They used a bug zapper on the porch.”
- zeppelin: a type of rigid airship that’s long and tubular. “The zeppelin floated above the city.”
- zipper: a device used to close and open parts of clothing. “He fixed the zipper on his coat.”
- zither: a musical instrument made from a flat wooden sound box with many strings. “She played a beautiful tune on the zither.”
- ziggurat: a rectangular stepped tower. “The ancient ziggurat was an interesting sight to see.”
- zoot suit: a type of suit popular in the 1940s. “He wore a zoot suit to the costume party.”
- zen garden: a Japanese rock garden. “They strolled through the peaceful zen garden.”

Places Words

- Zambia: a country in Southern Africa. “They traveled to Zambia for their vacation.”
- Zanzibar: an island off the coast of East Africa. “Zanzibar is known for its beautiful beaches.”
- Zaragoza: a city in Spain. “They visited the historic city of Zaragoza.”
- Zurich: the largest city in Switzerland. “Zurich is famous for its financial institutions.”
- Zion National Park: a national park in Utah. “They hiked through Zion National Park.”

Nature and environment Words

- zephyr: a gentle, mild breeze. “A warm zephyr blew through the open window.”
- zinnia: a brightly colored flowering plant. “She planted zinnias in her garden.”
- zooplankton: small aquatic organisms that float in water. “Zooplankton are a crucial part of the aquatic food chain.”
- zirconium: a type of metal that is used as a diamond-like gemstone. “The ring featured a large, sparkling cubic zirconium.”

Emotion and Trait Words

- zealous: having or showing a lot of energy or enthusiasm. “The zealous fans cheered for their team.”
- zany: goofy or wacky. “The clown’s zany antics made everyone laugh.”
- zippy: bright or lively. “The zippy music made everyone want to dance.”
- zestful: full of enthusiasm and energy.
“Her zestful approach to life was inspiring.”

Action Words

- zigzag: to move forward by making sharp turns from one side to the other. “The road zigzags up the mountain.”
- zoom: to move or travel very quickly. “The car zoomed down the highway.”