

# Unit 10 - I've Got My Flocab

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character  
homonym

narrator  
prefix

protagonist  
suffix

synonym  
translate

## 10A Introduction

People learn words for lots of reasons: to do well in school, to write better, to be able to tell better stories. Knowing more words is also more fun. Think of it this way: If you wanted to paint a giant picture and you only had five colors to paint with, how much fun would you have? Now imagine you can paint the same picture, only now you have 5,000 colors to choose from. Which one would be more fun? Knowing words is like that. Just ask any poet or any rapper.

## 10B Song Lyrics

*You've got your Flocab?  
I've got my Flocab!  
I'm all over these words and you know that!  
We-we-we step it up; we don't roll back!  
Another Flocab track and it's so phat!  
(x2)*

A master with words, I'm Shakespeare or Biggie,  
Get A's on my tests; don't ever try to diss me.  
I'm too clever with it, I'm too clever with it,  
Listen to my rhymes with a shovel—can you dig it?  
They should **translate** these lines into Spanish,  
Just so my friends in the south could understand it.  
Yo, I'm tough, when it comes to words, I'm a nerd,  
Learning every single word I can find,  
Just to throw in my rhymes, throw in my stories,  
To keep in my mind; too few words bore me.  
"This is why I'm hot." This is why I'm hot?  
You need to prove it with words, or you're not.  
I'm big and I'm large; yes, those are **synonyms**,  
Words that mean the same thing, like nutmeg and cinnamon...  
Wait, that's not right; those are two different spices,  
I mean synonym like "cuts" and "slices."  
**Antonyms** mean the opposite, you know,  
Like "first" and "last" or "fast" and "slow."



## The Word Up Project: Level Indigo

So is “finger” the antonym of “toe”?

That’s a good question; ask a doctor, I don’t know.

Listen to my “band,”

They only play songs that are “banned” on the radio.

If you’re confused? Take it slow.

Those are **homonyms** or homophones.

That’s words that sound the same,

But their meanings don’t match.

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So a **prefix** starts a word and changes what it means,

The prefix in the word prefix is “pre-,”

Which means “before,” like in previously,

Or preview, or pre-game. Ha, now you see, dudes?

The **suffix** is the sound at the end,

Like -er means a person who does.

So a trapper traps, and a rapper raps,

But it’s hard because a master does not “mast.”

I’ll tell you a tale about this girl named Laurie,

I’m the **narrator**, the one who tells the story.

Laurie is the main character or hero,

The **protagonist**; are all of y’all grabbing this?

The **antagonist** is Laurie’s enemy,

Who tries to stop her from getting anything.

Laurie is a character with **character**,

A person with bravery,

You want to know what happens?

Better read up and wait and see.

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## 10C Words Defined

### antagonist

**(noun)** A person who struggles against or competes with another; the enemy of the protagonist.  
*The evil witch is the **antagonist** of *Sleeping Beauty*.*

### antonym

**(noun)** A word having the opposite or nearly opposite meaning of another word. “Awake” and “tired” are **antonyms**.

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### character

**(noun)** 1. A person, usually in a work of art. My favorite **character** in the Harry Potter stories is Harry's friend Ron. 2. Qualities of honesty, courage, and goodness. It takes **character** to stand up and stop your friend from doing something wrong.

### homonym

**(noun)** A word pronounced the same as another but having a different meaning, whether spelled the same way or not; also known as a homophone or homograph. "There" and "their" are **homonyms**.

### narrator

**(noun)** The person who tells a story. In *The Jungle Book*, the **narrator** seems to know everything that happens in the jungle, even the thoughts of the animals.

Other forms: Kris **narrated** (verb) while Aaron held up pictures.



### prefix

**(noun)** A part of a word placed at the front of a word to create new meaning. The **prefix** of the words producer and professor is pro-.

### protagonist

**(noun)** The lead character or hero in a work of art. Dorothy is the **protagonist** in *The Wizard of Oz*; there are hardly any scenes without her.



### suffix

**(noun)** A part of a word placed at the end of a word to create new meaning. The **suffix** of the words nation and station is -tion.

**protagonist**

### synonym

**(noun)** A word having the same or nearly the same meaning as another word. "Sleepy" and "tired" are **synonyms**.

### translate

**(verb)** To change from one language to another. I **translated** the song into Japanese for my friend Haro.

Other forms: Since I don't understand Spanish, I read the book's English **translation** (noun).

### 10D Synonyms

Circle the word on the right that matches the meaning of the word or phrase on the left.

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|---|------------|-------------|------------|
| 1. bare and bear                                  | antagonist | homonym     | character  |
| 2. the hero                                       | narrator   | protagonist | antagonist |
| 3. the enemy of the protagonist                   | character  | antagonist  | homonym    |
| 4. the person who tells a story                   | suffix     | character   | narrator * |
| 5. a word that means the opposite of another word | antagonist | antonym     | synonym    |

### 10E Fill in the Blank

Write the word in the blank so that the sentence makes sense.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the words *install* and *insert* is *in-*.

- prefix**                      **narrator**                      **suffix**

2. Ramon sometimes has to \_\_\_\_\_ his parents' words from Spanish into English.

- suffix**                      **narrate**                      **translate**

3. "Scared" is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ for "frightened."

- synonym**                      **prefix**                      **antagonist**

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the word *careful* is *-ful*.

- frontier**                      **ancestor**                      **alert**

5. I didn't really like the story of that movie, but I thought the \_\_\_\_\_ were very funny.

- characters**                      **synonyms**                      **prefixes**

### 10F Connections

Each sentence has a strong connection with one of the words from the unit. Write the correct word on the line below.

1. I couldn't remember if the correct word was *to*, *too*, or *two*.

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2. The person who tells the story in the book *Catcher in the Rye* is named Holden Caulfield.

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3. The word *leap* means the same thing as the word *jump*.

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4. The book was originally in French, but it has been rewritten in English.

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5. The Joker is the guy who fights Batman in the movies and comic books.

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### **10G Applying Meanings**

Circle the letter that makes sense or answers the question.

1. What is an **antonym** of "day"?

- (A) night
- (B) morning
- (C) three o'clock
- (D) week

2. The **prefix** of the word *untouchable* is

- (A) un-
- (B) touch
- (C) -able
- (D) -le

3. What word has the same **suffix** as "amazing"?

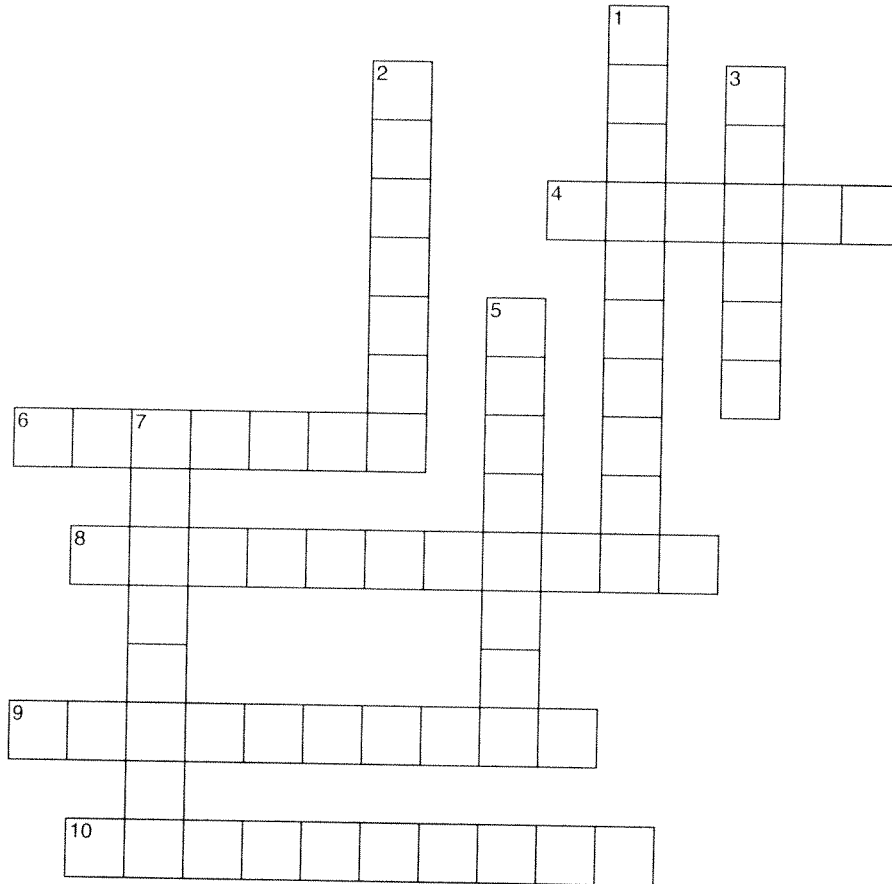
- (A) maze
- (B) amazed
- (C) exciting
- (D) ample

4. If someone you knew had a lot of **character**, you would probably

- (A) not understand that person
- (B) be afraid of that person
- (C) dislike that person
- (D) trust that person

### **Bonus: Crossword Puzzle**

Solve this crossword puzzle. Note: Some answers may be different forms of the vocab words from this unit.



#### **ACROSS**

- 4 The \_\_\_\_\_ of the word display is dis-.
- 6 One \_\_\_\_\_ for the word sporty is "athletic."
- 8 Spider-Man is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spider-Man comic books.
- 9 A person who struggles against or competes with another.
- 10 "Bonjour" in French \_\_\_\_\_ into "hello" in English.

#### **DOWN**

- 1 There are so many \_\_\_\_\_ in this book I keep getting them confused.
- 2 An \_\_\_\_\_ for the word beautiful is the word ugly.
- 3 The words mayor and doctor have the same \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 "Sea" and "see" are \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 The person who tells a story.