The Unruly

Raising Thinkers, Not Followers.

Vocab Word of the Day

Week 1 · January 1–January 7

Write each word three times.

abate verb · uh-BAYT

to become weaker or less

After an hour the pounding rain began to abate, and we could hear the birds again.

abdicate verb · AB-di-kayt

to give up a position of power

The tired king chose to abdicate so his daughter could lead the country.

abhor verb · ab-HOR

to hate something very much

Scout has always abhorred cruelty to birds, and he speaks up when he sees it.

abject adjective · AB-jekt

miserable or completely without dignity

After losing the map, they spent an abject night in the rain, cold and ashamed they had not prepared.

abridge verb · uh-BRIJ

to shorten a book or speech by cutting parts

The teacher abridged the long chapter so we could finish it in one sitting.

abscond verb · ab-SKOND

to sneak away, often to avoid trouble

The raccoon absconded with the picnic bread before anyone could shoo it away.

abstain verb · ab-STAYN

to choose not to do or have something

Maya decided to abstain from dessert so she would be hungry for the family dinner.

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