

Words for START and STOP

embark (verb)

Dorothy and Toto embark on a journey to find the Wizard.

Embark means to begin a trip or a journey, often on a ship, a train, or a plane.



Synonyms

start off, launch, set out

WordWork

Think about what it would be like to **embark** on a trip around the world. Then copy and complete the following sentence:

*Before I **embark** on my trip to [destination], I will...*

Bon voyage!

bolt (verb)

*When the starting bell rings, the racehorses **bolt** from the gate.*

Bolt means to run away suddenly or to dash off quickly.

Synonyms

sprint, take flight, dart, rush

WordWork

There are different reasons to **bolt**. Complete the three-column chart to describe situations in which someone or something would **bolt**.

Bolt in fear	Bolt in excitement	Bolt for other reasons



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cease (verb)

"Cease that drumming, Steve, or you'll wake the baby," Dad warned.

Cease means to put an end to or to stop—right now!

Antonyms

commence, initiate

WordWork

Suppose you wanted to get someone to **cease** doing something—right now! What might you say to the person? List five different words or expressions that might do the trick.

procrastinate (verb)

If you **procrastinate** any longer, you'll miss the school bus.

To **procrastinate** is to delay or put off doing something you know you should do simply because you don't want to do it.

Did You Know?

Procrastinate comes from the Latin *pro*, which means toward or forward, and *cras*, which means tomorrow. If you **procrastinate**, you push something ahead toward tomorrow.

WordWork

Think about times lately when you have procrastinated. Did your procrastination result in your missing something? Write a letter to Father Time. Tell why you procrastinated and what happened.

