



The Hillcrest Word of the Day is _____.

Simply, _____ means _____.

Listen to this word in a sentence. _____.

The Hillcrest Word of the Day is _____, spelled _ _ _ _ _

Date	Word	Definition Sentence
Tuesday September 1	vigor	Physical or mental strength, energy, or force; strong feeling, enthusiasm, or intensity. Students, teachers, and parents begin a new school year with vigor .
Wednesday September 2	hypothesis	An unproven explanation that can be used as a basis for further investigation or research The science experiment proved my hypothesis to be true.
Thursday September 3	elaborate	To give more details Could you elaborate your ideas with a few examples so that the reader will get a fuller understanding of your thoughts?
Friday September 4	thesis	A statement put forward for consideration; the central idea in a piece of writing The essay proved my thesis that the main character in Poe's short story is not insane.
Tuesday September 8	devastate	To ruin or destroy completely Farmers in the Midwest fear that the lack of rain will devastate the wheat crop.

Wednesday September 9	estimate	A number that is not exact; a careful guess The mechanic's estimate for repairing the car is \$700.
Thursday September 10	impartial	Not favoring one side more than the other; fair A judge should be impartial in the courtroom.
Friday September 11	industrious	Hardworking; not lazy The more industrious workers in the sales department were rewarded with bonus checks at the end of the month.
Tuesday September 15	sham	Something fake or false Their offer to make us rich turned out to be a sham .
Wednesday September 16	eloquent	Skilled at speaking or writing; having the power to move people. Anne Frank's eloquent diary often moves readers to tears.
Thursday September 17	unveil	To remove a cover from; to make known or reveal for the first time At today's meeting, the police chief will unveil a plan to reduce street crime.
Friday September 18	 dwell	To live or reside; to keep thinking about It does no good to dwell on past mistakes.
Monday September 21	precise	Exact; accurate Do you know the precise time that your plane arrives?

Tuesday
September 22

paltry

Very small and worthless; hardly worth considering

Five dollars may seem a **paltry** sum today, but in 1914, it was a day's wage for an automobile worker.

Thursday
September 24

rodent

An animal with sharp teeth for gnawing

Small **rodents** such as gerbils and hamsters are popular pets.

Friday
September 25

vat

A large container such as a tub or barrel used for holding liquids

Olive oil is stored in huge **vats**.

Monday
September 28

clammy

Cold and damp

The speaker was so nervous his hands were **clammy** with sweat.

Tuesday
September 29

rash

A breaking out of red spots on the skin; a series of outbreaks; too quick or reckless

I regretted the **rash** statements I made while I was angry.

Wednesday
September 30

significant

Important

Our teacher asked us to select the **significant** details from the text that proved our opinions.