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**listen** *verb* pay attention, heed, attend, hark, hearken, mind, hear We listened closely to the instructions on how to make an origami crane. ♦ **Antonyms:** disregard, ignore

**listless** *adjective* lethargic, sluggish, flagging, languid, languorous, limp, spiritless, torpid, enervated Our neighbor's potbelly pig was listless in the late afternoon heat. ♦ **Antonyms:** lively, energetic, vigorous

**literal** *adjective* verbatim, word-for-word, exact, precise, factual, faithful, strict, true, correct My French teacher asked us for a literal translation of the poem.

**literally** *adverb* really, actually, truly, precisely, indeed, utterly, closely, strictly Our front door was literally blocked by a snowdrift.

**literate** *adjective* educated, enlightened, informed, knowledgeable, learned, lettered, schooled, versed He is literate in the fields of mathematics and economics. ♦ **Antonyms:** illiterate, uninformed

**litter** *noun* 1. debris, refuse, rubbish, trash, garbage, waste, junk, clutter My Girl Scout troop volunteered to pick up litter along the lakeshore. 2. brood, young, offspring, issue, progeny Our cat had a litter of five kittens. ♦ *verb* clutter, mess up, cover, scatter, strew, heap, pile, disorder Our living room was littered with wrapping paper after my birthday party.

**little** *adjective* 1. small, tiny, diminutive, minuscule, wee, minute, bantam, petite, miniature A Chihuahua is a very little dog. 2. brief, limited, short, scant, slight, meager I have only a little time left before my report is due. 3. young, younger, small, smaller, immature My little sister is eight years younger than I. 4. inconsequential, insignificant, trifling, minor, negligible, paltry, trivial, unimportant My mother reassured me that the broken dish was of little importance. ♦ *adverb* slightly, somewhat, barely, hardly, scarcely, not much I am getting a little tired of leftovers. ♦ *noun* bit, portion, fragment, touch, dab, particle, pittance, speck, crumb, hint Colin reads a little of his library book every night. ♦ **Antonyms:** *adjective* 1. big, large 2. long, much 3. old, older 4. important, significant

**live**<sup>1</sup> *verb* 1. exist, survive, thrive, endure, function, subsist, last, persist, be, breathe, continue Human beings need food, water, and air to live. 2. reside, dwell, stay, abide, domicile, inhabit, occupy, lodge, room Kathleen and her family live in a three-bedroom house. 3. experience, undergo, encounter, sustain, have, lead, pass, pursue, conduct He likes to live life to its fullest. ♦ **Antonyms:** 1. die, expire

**live**<sup>2</sup> *adjective* 1. alive, living, existing, animate, existent, breathing, conscious Yogurt is made by adding live bacteria to milk. 2. burning, red-hot, hot, flaming, glowing, fiery, alight, afire, ablaze, aflame We roasted our potatoes in the live coals of our campfire. 3. active, energetic, animated, lively, spirited, dynamic, vigorous, busy, brisk The speaker had a live and enthusiastic manner. ♦ **Antonyms:** 1. dead, lifeless 3. dull, vapid

**lively** *adjective* spirited, vigorous, active, sprightly, fast, zippy, energetic, brisk, dynamic The lively music made me want to dance. ♦ **Antonyms:** lifeless, inactive, slow

**livid** *adjective* 1. discolored, black-and-blue, black, purple, bruised, contused I have a livid bruise on my leg where I bumped into the corner of my desk. 2. angry, furious, infuriated, enraged, incensed, indignant, outraged, wrathful, mad, irate My parents were livid when my older brother came home two hours late. ♦ **Antonyms:** 3. calm, content

**living** *adjective* 1. existing, live, animate, alive, conscious, breathing, existent I believe that all living creatures should be treated with respect. 2. active, current, operative, extant, enduring, surviving, continuing, persisting, remaining English is a living language. ♦ *noun* 1. existence, life, being, lifestyle, existing I love city living. 2. livelihood, income, keep, maintenance, subsistence, career, occupation, profession, job, work, employment Aunt Joy makes her living as a writer. ♦ **Antonyms:** *adjective* 1. dead, deceased 2. extinct, inactive

### Word Group



A lizard is a reptile that has a scaly body, a tapering tail, and usually four legs. Lizard is a specific term with no true synonyms. Here are some common lizards:

A chameleon can rapidly change its color to blend in with its surroundings. A gecko is a tropical lizard with adhesive toe tips that allow it to climb walls. The Gila monster is a poisonous lizard of the southwest United States and northern Mexico. An iguana is a large tropical American lizard with a ridge of spines along its back.

**load** *noun* 1. burden, weight, cargo, freight, shipment, lading, consignment Camels can carry heavy loads for long distances without needing water. 2. care, worry, burden, trouble, anxiety, pressure, encumbrance That secret has been a great load to carry. ♦ *verb* 1. fill, pack, stuff, heap, pile, lade, weight, stack, cram We'll be ready to leave on vacation as soon as we finish loading the car. 2. weigh down, burden, oppress, encumber, saddle, overwhelm, afflict,