

1C Words Defined

alternate / bland / convert / intense / navigate / pedestrian / require / retire / revert / sparse

alternate

(adj) 1. Happening or appearing in turns; every other. Spring and fall are **alternate** seasons. 2. Being a choice between two or more things. The highway was closed so we took an **alternate** route through the city.

(verb) To change back and forth; take turns. The young lion cub **alternated** between sleepiness and playfulness.

bland

(adj) Lacking a strong flavor. That taco is so **bland**; I swear there's more flavor in a cup of water.

convert

(verb) To change from one form to another. They **converted** the old school into an apartment building. 2. To change someone's religion, opinion, or beliefs. I love dogs and my sister loves cats, so she's always trying to **convert** me into a cat person.

(noun) One who has been converted. I didn't think I liked jazz, but after seeing Branford Marsalis perform, I'm a total **convert**. (Note: In its noun form, convert is usually pronounced CON-vert.)

intense

(adj) Very strong; very great. Brandon likes movies, but not flicks in which the violence is too **intense**.

Other forms: Calvin started the work with real **intensity** (noun).

navigate

(verb) 1. To move or direct (a ship or plane) along a certain path. In her old fishing ship, the captain carefully **navigated** the river. 2. To make one's way. It was so crowded that it was difficult to **navigate** through the crowd.

Other forms: Thanks to our **navigation** (noun) system, we knew just where to go.

navigate**pedestrian**

(noun) A person who is walking; someone traveling on foot. The mayor wanted to close some streets to cars to make the city more friendly to **pedestrians**.

(adj) Dull or lacking imagination. Tommy looked like a rock star, but his songs were **pedestrian**.

**require**

(verb) To need or demand. My school **requires** you to get good grades if you want to go to the winter dance.

Other forms: My mom said, "Cleaning up after yourself is one of the **requirements** (noun) of getting older."

retire

(verb) To stop working. My grandfather worked for the post office until he **retired** last year.

revert

(verb) To go back to an earlier condition, often one that is not satisfactory. The basketball team got along well when they won, but when they lost, they **reverted** to yelling at each other.

sparse

(adj) Small in number or extent; thinly scattered. Our class trip to the farm was canceled because interest was so **sparse**.