

All of these meanings are written by Quinn from a dictionary entry. Angela checks them before the bus goes live.
Weather and land words

Each card shows a word and how it is labelled: formal or everyday.

Under it are its meaning and Angela's sentence.

Then you see the piece it comes from, who wrote the meaning and which ages it suits.

Try it: Use this word in a sentence of your own.

altitude (*formal*)

Say it: /'æltɪtjuːd/

The height of a place above sea level.

“From high altitude the lake was a blue spot in endless mountain grey-greens; yet with feet on the ground it was a poet's daydream.”

Wild places page (the landscapes book), piece 10

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Meaning written by Quinn

Ages: 9 to 11, 11 to 14, 14 and over

Angela's original, from the source library (live page, read 22 October 2026)

blizzard *(everyday)*

Say it: /'blɪzəd/

A heavy snowstorm with strong winds,
when blowing snow makes it hard to see.

“In the car headlamps the blizzard
became a chaotic constellation.”

*Storms page (more from the shelf), piece
9*

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Meaning written by Quinn

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canopies (everyday)

Say it: /'kænəpɪz/

The high covering of branches and leaves at the top of a forest or group of trees. A canopy can also be a cover held over something, such as a bed.

“The wind greets concrete and skin just the same, yet I am blessed to feel it. Its giddy currents flow through woodland canopies, unaware of how its song soothes those who can hear.”

Wind page (more from the shelf), piece 14

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Angela's original, from the source library (live page, read 22 October 2026), with the sentence before it so the line stands alone

capricious (formal)

Say it: /kə'prɪʃəs/

Changing suddenly and unpredictably, as if on a whim.

“All shook in winter's icy resolve, in that capricious wind so washed out - so dun, so dull, so dim.”

Wind page (more from the shelf), piece 4

Not yet on the bus

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confluence (formal)

Say it: /'kɒnflu.əns/

The place where two rivers meet and join. It can also mean a coming together of different things.

“Wind - eddied, swirled and ambient - lifts my hair into a dance. As I watch the strands at their confluence of tether and vortex, a sense of calmness comes.”

Wind page (more from the shelf), piece 8

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alone*

dragonflies (everyday)

Say it: /'drægənflaɪz/

Insects with long thin bodies and four long, clear wings, often seen near water.

“The air was a hum of dragonflies, the grass a riot of asters and, in a wide arcing circle, grew softly waving evergreens.”

Wild places page (the landscapes book), piece 10

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drizzled (everyday)

Say it: /'drɪzəld/

Rained lightly, in fine drops.

“In a sigh of lamplight, rain drizzled down the hill.”

City page (the landscapes book), piece 6

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droplets (everyday)

Say it: /'dropləts/

Very small drops of liquid.

“‘Twas a largesse of fine water droplets,
barely more than a mist, yet plenty
enough to soak.”

Wind page (more from the shelf), piece 2

Not yet on the bus

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over*

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expanse (everyday)

Say it: /ɪk'spæns/

A wide, open stretch of sea, sky or land.

“Beneath an expanse of blue, rose a
pathway snug to the meadowland.”

*Positive emotions page (more from the
shelf), piece 9*

Not yet on the bus

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*Ages: 7 to 9, 9 to 11, 11 to 14, 14 and
over*

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granite (everyday)

Say it: /'grænit/

A very hard rock, often grey or pink, used for building.

“The once granite faces were alive with waving fronds.”

Wild places page (the landscapes book), piece 9

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lichen (everyday)

Say it: /'laɪkən/

A small, flat or crusty living thing, made of an alga and a fungus growing together, found on rocks, walls and trees.

“Lichen and fungi blush brighter.”

Wild places page (the landscapes book), piece 2

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lightning (everyday)

Say it: /'laɪtnɪŋ/

A flash of bright light in the sky, made by electricity in a storm cloud.

“The gathering storm glowered dark and low, spitting lightning forks.”

Storm page (Craft Corner), piece 2

Not yet on the bus

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Ages: 11 to 14, 14 and over

Ages 7 to 11 use this piece with its last line left off for schools. This sentence is not the last line.

Angela's original, from the source library (live page, read 22 October 2026)

moor (everyday)

Say it: /mɔː/

A wide area of open, hilly land covered with heather and rough grass, where the soil is poor.

“To wander a moor is an enchantment that both warms and chills, and that day was no different.”

Wild places page (the landscapes book), piece 6

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panorama (everyday)

Say it: /,pænə'rɑ:mə/

A wide, unbroken view of everything around you.

“Such a view! The prettiest panorama to wash eyes anew!”

*Garden room page (more from the shelf),
piece 1*

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alone*

ripples (everyday)

Say it: /'rɪp(ə)lz/

Small waves or movements that spread out across the surface of water.

“The silver hues were as molten silver, swirling in steady and radiating ripples.”

Storms page (more from the shelf), piece 18

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Angela's original, from the source library (live page, read 22 October 2026)

rumble (everyday)

Say it: /'rʌmb(ə)l/

A low, heavy, continuous sound, like distant thunder.

“From the distance came a slow and low rumble and the air was water-heavy and thick.”

Storms page (more from the shelf), piece 7

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Angela's original, from the source library (live page, read 22 October 2026)

sodden (everyday)

Say it: /'sɒdən/

Soaked right through with water; very wet and heavy.

“Sodden, soggy, soaked through and, of let up, there was none.”

Fields page (the landscapes book), piece 3

Not yet on the bus

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Ages: 11 to 14, 14 and over

This is the last line of its piece, which is left off for ages 7 to 11, so the card is for 11 and over.

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tornado (everyday)

Say it: /tɔː'neɪdəʊ/

A violent, spinning column of wind that reaches down from a storm cloud to the ground.

“Into a recalcitrant wind, the kind that coddled the rain as kindred and twirled it in merry-go-round swirls, my joy was an untamed tornado.”

*Wind page (more from the shelf), piece 2
Not yet on the bus*

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*Angela's original, from the source library
(live page, read 22 October 2026)*

tousled (everyday)

Say it: /'taʊzəld/

Untidy and messy, especially hair that has been ruffled.

“I grow strong against this wind; muscles working all the more. It is the freshness over my skin, that which makes a fine flag of my tousled hair.”

Wind page (more from the shelf), piece 15

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waterfalls (everyday)

Say it: /'wɔ:təfɔ:lz/

Places where a river or stream drops over a cliff or a steep edge.

“Though the birds had sheltered under wing and branch as the torrents fell, the rivers and lakes were glad to take their fill. Then, as streams and waterfalls chattered on, upon earthen tones made richer from this soaking, our heroes began to sing once more and let the beams warm their hearts.”

Storms page (more from the shelf), piece 10

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