

## The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks—Chapter One Vocabulary

Word	Related Words	Definition	Example
<b>tower</b> (verb)	<b>towering</b> (adjective) <b>tower</b> (noun)	to be tall like a tower	My brother <b>towered</b> over my sister. He was tall!
<b>scurry</b> (verb)		to hurry with short, quick steps	He <b>scurried</b> across the parking lot to get out of the rain.
<b>elegant</b> (adjective)		looking stylish or graceful	Michelle Obama wore an <b>elegant</b> dress.
<b>to hold court over</b> (verb)		To watch over, to be in charge of, to be the boss	The popular girl <b>held court over</b> her posse.
<b>asylum</b> (noun)		a place of sanctuary, or refuge, a place where you are protected	The refugees asked for <b>asylum</b> in the United States.
<b>prefer</b> (verb)	<b>preference</b> (noun)	something you would choose over another thing	I <b>prefer</b> chocolate ice cream to vanilla ice cream.
<b>major</b> (adjective)		important, serious, big	This is a <b>major</b> problem.
<b>litany</b> (noun)		a long series of things, a boring telling of a list of things	He had a <b>litany</b> of complaints about the school.
<b>extract</b> (verb)	<b>extract</b> (noun)	to take out	Mom <b>extracted</b> the sliver and I felt better.
<b>nourish</b> (verb)	<b>nourishment</b> (noun)	to feed (in a healthy way)	The cows looked well- <b>nourished</b> .
<b>recommend</b> (verb)	<b>recommendation</b> (noun)	to speak in favor of	I <b>recommend</b> you get more sleep.

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<b>lesion</b> (noun)		a tear, a wound	The bombing victim had <b>lesions</b> up and down her leg.
<b>dictate</b> (verb)	<b>dictator</b> (noun) <b>dictation</b> (noun)	to set down (write down or record), also: to control	I <b>dictated</b> my memory of the party.
<b>terrify</b> (verb)	<b>terrifying</b> (adjective)	to cause to feel fear to be afraid	I am <b>terrified</b> of lightning.

Also:

**Palpate** (verb): to examine by touching.

Example: The Doctor **palpated** my wrist to see if she could feel anything that might help her to diagnose, or figure out, what was wrong with it.

**Domed** (adjective): having a roof shaped like an upside-down bowl (a dome.)

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