

Vocabulary

1/13/10

Prefix: Super- and Sur- Meaning: Over, Above, Beyond

Vocabulary Word (part of speech)	Definition	Usage in a Sentence
1. superb (adj.)	Splendid, excellent, above the norm	King Arthur was given a superb sword named Excalibur.
2. superimpose (v)	To place something on or over something else	The video editor decided to superimpose a picture of Duncan over a picture of Mario.
3. superintendent (n)	A person with power above everyone else's	Mr. Metcalf was our school superintendent .
4. superior (adj)	Above average in quality	Some people believe that a diamond is a superior gem, far better than a pearl.
5. superfluous (adj)	Beyond what you truly need	It is superfluous to own 40 cellphones.
6. surcharge (n)	An amount of money that is over and above what is already being paid	The agency added a surcharge to the cost of our trip, so we had to save a little bit longer before we could go.

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7. surplus (n)	An amount remaining after the original requirement has been met	We had a surplus of unpopped popcorn, so we saved it to use at the next basketball game.
8. surreal (adj)	Beyond what is real or believable; bizarre	Salvador Dali painted some surreal scenes.
9. surtax (n)	An extra tax beyond the normal tax	The state government decided to levy a surtax on luxury items.
10. surpass (v)	To go beyond what was expected or hoped for, usually by being bigger, better, or greater	When he was in his prime, Michael Jordan surpassed all other basketball players.

Homework

Choose one of the above words. You will learn more if you choose a word with which you are unfamiliar. Create a decorated index card that includes the following:

1. The vocabulary word written in a large manner in the center of the card.
2. The definition of the word *in your own words*.
3. Use the word *in your own sentence*.
4. Draw a picture to illustrate this word in some way.
5. Decorate your card to make it the best card it can be. Using color helps, however, some people spend extra time making “black and white” (or all in pencil – a **monochromatic** scheme) look fabulous, so if that is your inclination, go for it. Quality counts!
6. Your name on the front of the card. Autograph your work.

You can place items 2 – 4 anywhere you wish on the front of the card. We will post these cards on the bulletin board. Keep the models you saw in class in mind as you create your card. Have fun!

(cool decorations – like
a border, or background shading)

A small domesticated mammal that
has soft fur, sharp claws, pointed
ears, and a long furry tail

cat

We rescued the two gray tiger-striped
cats from the dumpster.

(your drawing here)