## **Robust Vocabulary**

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**gouges** If someone gouges something, he or she makes a deep cut or dent in it.

**desolate** A person who feels desolate feels lonely and sad.



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**bustles** When someone bustles, he or she moves in a busy, energetic way.

**fervor** A person who speaks with fervor speaks with great emotion and strong belief.



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**immaculate** Something that is immaculate is extremely clean and tidy.

**assuage** To assuage guilt is to make it less painful and troubling.

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