

## Robust Vocabulary

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- 1.** **gouges** If someone gouges something, he or she makes a deep cut or dent in it.
- 2.** **desolate** A person who feels desolate feels lonely and sad.
- 3.** **bustles** When someone bustles, he or she moves in a busy, energetic way.
- 4.** **fervor** A person who speaks with fervor speaks with great emotion and strong belief.
- 5.** **immaculate** Something that is immaculate is extremely clean and tidy.
- 6.** **assuage** To assuage guilt is to make it less painful and troubling.