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## Darkness Before Dawn

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Word	Grade Level	Pronunciation	Definition
anticipation	9	ăn-tīs-ə-pă' shən	an expectation or wait; the state of looking forward to; something expected; expectancy; the act of considering something beforehand
apologize	5	ə-pŏl' ə-jīz	to express regret for having done something wrong; to acknowledge one's faults; to say one is sorry
collapsed	7	kə-lăpst'	fell in a heap to the ground; fell down or apart suddenly, usually as result of too much pressure or from being weakened or damaged; broke down or crumpled emotionally or mentally
dignity	4	dīg' nī-tē	self-esteem; self-respect; pride in oneself
harshly	6	hārsh' lē	in a rough, strict, unpleasant, or severe manner; in a bitter way or with a bitter tone of voice; in a way that is neither mild nor gentle; sternly; not kindly; not softly
mellow	6	mēl' ō	relaxed; calm; peaceful; warm or friendly; kind or gentle; soft or tender; not hard, rough, or harsh
prank	7	prăngk	a trick, often mean-spirited; a practical joke
recent	6	rē' sənt	having occurred in the near past
soothed	5	sōōthd	calmed; comforted; put at peace; made less upset or excited
victorious	7	vīk-tŏr' ē-əs	successful or triumphant; conquering or winning

## Pronunciation Guide

Examples	Examples	Examples
b bed	t toy, debt, thyme, receipt	ī sit, dessert
ch chalk, catch, question	th think	i slide, pie
d drawer, could	th than	ir pier, hear, miracle
f fish, rough, graph, calf	v savage	ŏ hot, conscious
g great, guest	w with, while	ō hope, boat, row
h happy	y yes	ô/ôr caught, raw, for, war
hw where	z zebra	oi noise, boy
j jump, giraffe, bridge	zh leisure, genre	ōō book
k ankle, cat, rack, chasm, quiche	sh shut, motion, chandelier, issue	ōō tool
l lemon, needle	ă bad	ou found, how
m rhyme, hymn, tomb	â hate	ŭ cup, rummage
n nice, know, gnat	âr care, hair, wear	ûr fur, heard
p pet	ä father, are	yōō cute, beautiful
r red, wrist, rhyme	ě fetch, head	ə afar, capable, us
s sister, cent, psalm, science	ê be, seat, receive	ər father, fir