Vocabulary by Grade: Word Lists

A hundred words a grade, kindergarten to twelfth, with a definition for each.



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Children learn about 3,000 words a year through school, most of them from reading and being read to

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Vocabulary is the best single predictor of reading comprehension, and the gap between children opens early and widens. Tier two words are the useful middle: not everyday words a child already has ("dog", "run"), and not subject words a textbook will define ("photosynthesis"), but the words that carry meaning across subjects - "observe", "gradual", "reluctant". Each word here comes with a sentence to work it out from, because that is how words are actually learned: met in a context, guessed at, met again. A child can show they own a word three ways - define it, explain it in their own words, or use it in a sentence that only makes sense if they know it. Any of the three counts.

What to expect: A child usually recognizes a word long before they can define it, and can use it in a sentence before they can explain it. "Reluctant means... like when you do not want to" is a fair answer at first. Working the meaning out of the sentence is the skill worth practicing - a child who can do that learns words without you. Watch for a child who gives the definition of a word that sounds similar, or who can only give one narrow use: both mean the word is half-learned and needs more contexts.

Kindergarten: Word List

Read the word, then the sentence. The child works out what the word means from the sentence, then defines it, explains it, or uses it in a sen

1. above - The birds built a nest above the door, so we had to duck to go in.
2. after - We eat dessert after dinner, never before it.
3. alike - The twins are so alike that their own grandma mixes them up.
4. animal - A dog is an animal, and so is a bee, but a rock is not.
5. appear - The moon was hidden, and then it appeared from behind a cloud.
6. artist - The artist painted the whole wall of the school with flowers.
7. autumn - In autumn the leaves turn orange and fall off the trees.

8 beak - The bird cracked the seed open with its hard beak.

9 bloom - The buds on the tree will bloom into pink flowers in spring.

10 bumpy - The road was so bumpy that my milk spilled all over my shirt.

11 burst - I pushed the balloon against the wall and it burst with a bang.

12 buzz - A bee flew past my ear with a loud buzz.

13 care - Grandpa cares for the garden every day, watering every plant.

14 check - Check your bag to make sure your lunch is really in there.

15 chilly - It was chilly outside, so I went back in for my coat.

16 chore - My chore is feeding the cat; my sister's chore is the dishes.

17 comfort - When the baby cried, Mom held her to comfort her.

18 community - Everyone in our community came to the park to plant trees.

19 country - We flew over the ocean to visit another country.

20 covered - The whole yard was covered in snow; not one blade of grass showed.

21 cradle - The baby fell asleep in her cradle as it rocked back and forth.

22 dangle - I sat on the wall and let my legs dangle over the side.

23 decision - I could not pick, so Dad made the decision: pancakes.

24 delicious - The soup was so delicious that I asked for a second bowl.

25 dentist - The dentist counted my teeth and said to keep brushing.

26 dew - The grass was wet with dew when I went out early.

27 disappear - The rabbit disappeared into the tall grass and we could not see it.

28 drawer - My socks are in the top drawer of the dresser.

29 dusty - Nobody had cleaned the shelf in months, so it was dusty.

30 edge - Do not put your cup on the edge of the table; it will fall.

31 farmer - The farmer woke up early to milk the cows.

32 fear - My fear of the dark goes away when Mom leaves the hall light on.

33 firefly - We caught a firefly in a jar and watched it blink on and off.

34 fix - My bike chain came off, so Dad fixed it with his tools.

35 flipper - The seal pushed itself along the rocks with its flippers.

36 fluffy - The kitten is so fluffy that she looks twice her size.

37 follow - The ducklings follow their mother in a line wherever she goes.

38 gallop - The horse started to gallop and we could not keep up.

39 gentle - Be gentle with the puppy - use two hands and hold him softly.

40 giggle - She tried to stay quiet but a giggle slipped out.

41 glance - I took one quick glance at the clock and kept running.

42 glossy - The new car was so glossy that I could see myself in it.

43 glow - The nightlight glows just enough to see the door.

44 goal - My goal is to read a whole chapter book by myself.

45 gust - A gust of wind grabbed my hat and threw it into the street.

46 half - I ate half the apple and put the other half in the fridge.

47 healthy - She was sick all week, and by Sunday she was healthy again.

48 herd - A herd of cows stood together in the field, all facing the same way.

49 hoof - The horse's hoof made a clop sound on the hard road.

50 include - Mom said to include your brother in the game - everybody plays.

51 invitation - An invitation came in the mail asking me to Ana's party.

52 knight - The knight put on his metal armor and got on his horse.

53 laundry - The laundry basket was full, so we ran the washing machine.

54 lazy - The cat was so lazy that she did not move all afternoon.

55 leak - There is a leak in the roof, so we put a bucket under the drip.

56 library - We borrowed six books from the library and took them home.

57 market - At the market we bought apples from one stall and bread from another.

58 melt - I left my ice cream in the sun and it melted into a puddle.

59 miserable - He was miserable all day because his best friend moved away.

60 month - My birthday is next month, so about four more weeks.

61 muddy - My boots were so muddy that I left them by the door.

62 museum - At the museum we saw the bones of a real dinosaur.

63 pace - Grandma walks at a slow pace, so I slowed down too.

64 pair - I could only find one shoe, so I did not have a pair.

65 patient - Waiting in line is hard, but he stayed patient the whole time.

66 peaceful - The house is peaceful in the morning before anybody wakes up.

67 peck - The chicken pecked at the corn on the ground.

68 pilot - The pilot told us to buckle up before the plane went up.

69 plan - We made a plan for the party before we bought anything.

70 pointy - The pencil was so pointy that it poked a hole in my paper.

71 polite - It is polite to say please and thank you.

72 pond - Frogs sat on the rocks around the little pond behind the house.

73 president - The president spoke on the news about a new park.

74. protect - A helmet protects your head if you fall off your bike.
75. proud - Dad was proud of me for tying my own shoes.
76. race - We had a race to the fence, and Ana got there first.
77. reach - I had to reach up high to get the cup off the shelf.
78. relax - After a long day, Mom likes to relax on the couch.
79. rotten - The banana sat in my bag for a week and went rotten.
80. round - A ball is round, so it rolls; a box is not.
81. row - The chairs were set out in a row, one right beside the next.
82. sail - We sailed across the lake in a boat with a big white sheet.
83. scene - My favorite scene in the movie is the one with the dog.
84. scrub - The pot was sticky, so I had to scrub it hard with a brush.
85. shade - It was hot in the sun, so we sat in the shade of the tree.
86. shaky - My legs were shaky the first time I stood on the wall.
87. ship - The ship was so big it carried a hundred cars inside it.
88. shore - We walked along the shore and let the waves reach our feet.
89. silky - The puppy's ears are silky, softer than my blanket.
90. sink - I dropped a rock in the pond and watched it sink.
91. slip - The floor was wet and I nearly slipped.
92. sniff - The dog sniffed my hand to find out what I was holding.
93. soapy - The water was soapy and bubbles came over the edge of the tub.
94. sparkle - The snow sparkled where the sun hit it.
95. spotted - The spotted puppy has black dots all over his white fur.

96 stare - He stared at the fish tank for twenty minutes without looking away.

97 supplies - We packed our supplies - paint, brushes and paper - for art class.

98 tangled - My headphones got tangled in my pocket and took forever to undo.

99 tomorrow - Today is Monday, so tomorrow is Tuesday.

100 trade - I traded my apple for her orange, so we both got what we wanted.

First grade: Word List

Read the word, then the sentence. The child works out what the word means from the sentence, then defines it, explains it, or uses it in a sen

101 adventure - Camping in the woods with no phone turned into a real adventure.

102 adjust - The straps were too long, so I adjusted them until the helmet fit.

103 alarm - The fire alarm went off and everybody walked outside.

104 alone - Everyone went home and I was alone in the classroom.

105 annoy - My brother hummed the same song forty times just to annoy me.

106 apologize - He stepped on my foot and apologized right away.

107 appetite - I skipped lunch, so by dinner I had a big appetite.

108 applause - When the song ended, the applause went on for a whole minute.

109 attach - Attach the string to the kite before you run with it.

110 attention - Pay attention to this part - it is the bit people get wrong.

111 bashful - She is bashful with new people but chatty once she knows you.

112 behave - The class behaved so well that the teacher gave us extra recess.

113 belong - These blocks belong in the red bin, not the blue one.

114 borrow - Can I borrow your pencil? I will give it back after math.

115 bundle - He carried a bundle of sticks tied up with string.

116 cabin - We stayed in a little wooden cabin with a fire inside.

117 caution - Use caution on the steps - they are slippery when it rains.

118 celebrate - We celebrated Grandma's birthday with cake and a song.

119 champion - She won every game and was the champion of the whole school.

120 cheat - He looked at my answers instead of doing his own, which is cheating.

121 comfortable - The old chair is so comfortable that Dad falls asleep in it.

122 complain - He complained about the rain all the way to school.

123 consequence - She forgot her homework, and the consequence was missing recess.

124 construct - We constructed a tower out of blocks that reached my chin.

125 costume - For the school play I wore a lion costume with a fluffy mane.

126 cozy - With a blanket and a book, the corner of the couch is cozy.

127 cranky - He missed his nap and was cranky for the rest of the day.

128 crowded - The bus was so crowded that we had to stand.

129 curve - The road does not go straight; it curves around the hill.

130 daily - I feed the fish daily, every morning before school.

131 decorate - We decorated the room with paper chains and balloons.

132 delighted - She was delighted when she saw who was at the door.

133 deserve - He practiced every day, so he deserved to win.

134 disappointed - The trip was canceled and we were all disappointed.

135 discover - We moved the log and discovered a whole family of bugs under it.

136 dodge - I dodged the ball just in time and it missed me.

137 drenched - It poured on the walk home and we arrived drenched.

138 drowsy - The warm car made me drowsy and my eyes kept closing.

139 embarrassed - I said the wrong name in front of the class and felt embarrassed.

140 enormous - The whale was enormous - bigger than our whole house.

141 equal - Cut the sandwich into equal halves so nobody gets more.

142 exclaim - "There it is!" she exclaimed, pointing at the sky.

143 exhausted - After the soccer game I was exhausted and slept early.

144 expensive - The bike was too expensive, so we picked a cheaper one.

145 explore - We explored the new park until we found the hidden bridge.

146 fancy - She wore a fancy dress with sparkles for the wedding.

147 fasten - Fasten your seat belt before the car moves.

148 feast - For the holiday we cooked a feast with three kinds of pie.

149 filthy - My hands were filthy after digging in the garden.

150 flee - The deer heard us and fled into the trees.

151 frustrated - The knot would not come undone and I got frustrated.

152 gather - We gathered the leaves into one big pile.

153 giant - A giant crane lifted the beam onto the roof.

154 glad - I was glad to see her; I thought she was staying home.

155 gleaming - The kitchen floor was gleaming after Mom mopped it.

156 grateful - I am grateful for the ride - it was a long way to walk.

157 grin - He tried to look serious, but a grin spread across his face.

158 groan - When he saw the pile of dishes he let out a groan.

159 grumpy - She is grumpy before breakfast and fine afterwards.

160 hatch - The chicks hatched on Tuesday and the shells were still in the nest.

161 hobby - My hobby is building models; I do it every weekend for fun.

162 honest - He was honest and told the teacher he had not finished.

163 howl - The wind made a howl through the crack in the window.

164 ignore - I said hello twice and he ignored me both times.

165 important - Bring your water bottle - that part is important.

166 injury - She fell off the swing, but it was a small injury and she was fine.

167 instead - The store had no apples, so I bought pears instead.

168 investigate - There was a strange noise in the attic, so Dad went to investigate.

169 jealous - He was jealous of my new bike until he got a turn on it.

170 leader - Our line leader holds the door for everyone else.

171 lively - The puppies were so lively that they knocked over the water dish.

172 loosen - The lid was on tight, so I ran it under hot water to loosen it.

173 mumble - He mumbled his answer and the teacher asked him to say it again.

174 narrow - The path was so narrow that we walked one behind the other.

175 nervous - I was nervous before my turn, and fine once I started.

176 nibble - The rabbit nibbled the carrot in tiny bites.

177 notice - Did you notice the new picture on the wall?

178 obey - The dog obeys when Mom says sit, but not when I do.

179 opposite - Hot is the opposite of cold, and up is the opposite of down.

180 ordinary - It looked like an ordinary rock until we turned it over.

181 passenger - The driver sat in front and I was the passenger behind.

182 pattern - Her sweater has a pattern of stripes that repeats all the way around.

183 pest - The bugs eating the tomatoes are a real pest in our garden.

184 polish - He polished his shoes until he could see his face in them.

185 precious - Grandma's ring is precious to her; she has had it fifty years.

186 prefer - I like both, but I prefer the blue one.

187 pretend - We pretended the couch was a boat and the floor was the sea.

188 promise - He promised to feed the cat, and he did it every day.

189 rapid - The river was rapid after the rain and we stayed on the bank.

190 repeat - I could not hear, so I asked her to repeat it.

191 rescue - The firefighters rescued the cat from the tree.

192 ripe - The bananas were green on Monday and ripe by Friday.

193 rough - The bark of the tree is rough; the leaf is smooth.

194 scold - Dad scolded us for tracking mud through the hall.

195 shriek - A spider dropped on her arm and she let out a shriek.

196 sibling - I have one sibling, my big sister.

197 silent - The room went silent the second the teacher walked in.

198 startle - The door slammed and startled the baby.

199 timid - The timid kitten hid under the couch for two days.

200 whimper - The puppy gave a small whimper when he was left alone.

Second grade: Word List

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201 accident - He did not mean to knock the glass over; it was an accident.

202 agree - We both wanted pizza, so for once we agreed.

203 amaze - The card trick amazed the whole class - nobody figured out how.

204 amusing - The way the puppy chased its own tail was amusing.

205 analyze - We analyzed the two plants to find out why one grew faster.

206 arrive - The bus left at eight and arrived at nine.

207 swift - The swift current carried the leaf out of sight.

208 astronomy - In astronomy class we learned the names of the planets.

209 avoid - I take the long way home to avoid the big dog on Oak Street.

210 award - She got an award at assembly for helping in the library all year.

211 aware - I was not aware the store had closed until I pulled the door.

212 balance - He balanced on one foot for a whole minute without wobbling.

213 banner - A banner over the door said WELCOME BACK in big letters.

214 bare - The tree was bare in winter - not one leaf left.

215 brave - It was brave of her to go first when nobody else would.

216 calm - The sea was calm in the morning, with no waves at all.

217 career - She has had the same career for twenty years: she is a nurse.

218 cause - The cause of the flood was a pipe that burst upstairs.

219 classify - We classified the leaves into piles by their shape.

220 cliff - From the top of the cliff it was a long drop to the beach.

221 collect - He collects shells and keeps them in a jar on the shelf.

222 conclusion - After looking at all the clues, we came to a conclusion.

223 connect - Connect the two wires and the light comes on.

224 cooperate - The job took ten minutes because everyone cooperated.

225 curious - She was curious about the box and kept asking what was inside.

226 cycle - Water goes up as steam and comes down as rain, in a cycle.

227 damp - The towel was still damp from this morning.

228 dangerous - Running near the pool is dangerous - the tiles are slippery.

229 data - We wrote down the temperature every day and made a chart of the data.

230 dawn - At dawn the sky turned pink and the birds started up.

231 demolish - They demolished the old shed and now there is only grass.

232 describe - Describe what you saw so I can picture it.

233 detail - She remembered one small detail: the car was red.

234 diagram - The diagram showed which wire went where.

235 difference - The only difference between the twins is that one wears glasses.

236 discard - Keep the good cards and discard the rest.

237 doubt - He said he would be on time, but I have my doubts.

238 dozen - We need a dozen eggs, so twelve.

239 edit - I edited my story and took out three sentences that did not help.

240 effect - The effect of the rain was a very muddy field.

241 energy - After breakfast I had the energy to bike all the way to school.

242 escape - The hamster escaped from his cage and we found him behind the couch.

243 estimate - I estimated about fifty people; the real number was forty-eight.

244 evening - We eat at six, and by evening it is dark outside.

245 exercise - Twenty minutes of exercise a day keeps his legs strong for soccer.

246 factory - The factory makes a thousand jars of jam a day.

247 famous - The singer is so famous that people stop her in the street.

248 frighten - The loud bang frightened the birds off the roof.

249 gap - There was a gap in the fence just wide enough for the cat.

250 gasp - She gasped when she opened the envelope.

251 gaze - He gazed out the window for the whole bus ride.

252 gravity - Gravity is why a ball comes back down when you throw it up.

253 greedy - He took six cookies when we were each allowed two, which was greedy.

254 hollow - The log looked solid but it was hollow, and a bird lived inside.

255 helpful - It was helpful of him to carry the bags without being asked.

256 idea - I had an idea: what if we build it out of cardboard instead?

257 insect - An ant is an insect; so is a beetle.

258 insist - I said I could walk, but she insisted on driving me.

259 instrument - The piano is the first instrument she learned to play.

260 invent - Somebody had to invent the pencil before anybody could use one.

261 island - The island is so small you can walk around it in an hour.

262 label - The label on the jar says STRAWBERRY.

263 leap - With one leap the cat was on top of the fridge.

264 local - We shop at the local store, two streets away.

265 lonely - The first week at the new school he felt lonely.

266 luxury - A hot bath after a cold day is a luxury.

267 mention - She mentioned the party but did not say when it was.

268 moist - The cake was moist, not dry like the last one.

269 necessary - A coat is necessary today - it is freezing.

270 observe - We observed the caterpillar every day and wrote what changed.

271 ocean - The ocean stretched out so far we could not see the other side.

272 opinion - In my opinion the blue one looks better, but that is just me.

273 peak - It took four hours to reach the peak of the mountain.

274 predict - She predicted rain, and an hour later it poured.

275 process - Making bread is a slow process: mix, wait, shape, wait, bake.

276 proof - The muddy paw prints were proof the dog had been on the couch.

277 publish - Her poem was published in the school magazine.

278 reflect - The mountain reflected in the still lake like a mirror.

279 revise - I revised my drawing after my friend pointed out the missing door.

280 rumor - There was a rumor about a snow day, but school stayed open.

281 scholar - The scholar had read every book in the room, twice.

282 separate - Keep the wet clothes separate from the dry ones.

283 settle - The dog walked in three circles and then settled by the fire.

284 shelter - When the hail started we ran for shelter under the bridge.

285 shiver - I forgot my coat and stood there shivering.

286 similar - Their voices are so similar that I cannot tell them apart on the phone.

287 skill - Catching with one hand is a skill she practiced all summer.

288 steady - Hold the ladder steady while I climb.

289 stream - We stepped over the little stream on the way up the hill.

290 support - Two posts support the whole roof of the porch.

291 telescope - Through the telescope the moon looked close enough to touch.

292 tiny - The baby's fingers were tiny next to mine.

293 tower - The tower is so tall you can see it from the next town.

294 treasure - Under the floorboards was a box of old coins - real treasure.

295 tremble - His hands trembled a little before he went on stage.

296 universe - There are more stars in the universe than anyone can count.

297 vanish - The magician's coin vanished and turned up behind my ear.

298 village - The village has one store, one school and forty houses.

299 volunteer - She is a volunteer at the animal shelter every Saturday.

300 wealthy - The wealthy family owned three cars and a boat.

Third grade: Word List

Read the word, then the sentence. The child works out what the word means from the sentence, then defines it, explains it, or uses it in a sen

301 ability - She has the ability to read music, which I never learned.

302 absorb - The sponge absorbed the whole spill in one go.

303 accuse - Do not accuse him before you know who left the door open.

304 active - The puppies are active all morning and asleep all afternoon.

305 actual - He guessed a hundred, but the actual number was sixty-two.

306 additional - We had four chairs and needed two additional ones for the guests.

307 adopt - They adopted a dog from the shelter and named him Scout.

308 advantage - Being tall is an advantage in basketball.

309 advice - Her advice was to start with the corners of the puzzle.

310 ambition - His ambition is to build bridges when he grows up.

311 ancient - The ancient pot in the museum is three thousand years old.

312 approach - The deer froze as we approached, then bolted.

313 arrange - I arranged the books by size, shortest to tallest.

314 assist - My brother assisted me with the heavy end of the box.

315 attitude - She came in with a good attitude even though she was tired.

316 attract - The bright flowers attract bees from all over the garden.

317 average - Most kids in the class are about average height; two are very tall.

318 bold - It was a bold move to ask the whole class to join in.

319 border - A river makes the border between the two states.

320 brief - The meeting was brief - five minutes and we were done.

321 brilliant - The snow was brilliant in the sunshine, almost too bright to look at.

322 capture - The net captured the butterfly without hurting it.

323 careless - One careless moment with the paint and the carpet was ruined.

324 certain - Are you certain you locked it? I do not want to drive back.

325 clever - That was a clever way to open the jar - I would not have thought of it.

326 climate - The climate there is hot all year, with rain every afternoon.

327 coast - We drove along the coast with the sea on one side the whole way.

328 compare - Compare the two leaves: one has smooth edges, one has teeth.

329 confess - He confessed that he had eaten the last slice.

330 consider - Consider both jobs before you pick one.

331 contain - The box contains twelve pencils and one sharpener.

332 continent - Africa is a continent; France is a country.

333 contrast - In contrast to yesterday's storm, today is calm and clear.

334 convince - It took an hour to convince him the ice was thick enough.

335 coward - Calling someone a coward for being careful is not fair.

336 crew - The whole crew worked through the night to fix the ship.

337 culture - Food, music and stories are all part of a culture.

338 custom - It is our custom to eat pancakes on the first day of school.

339 decay - The fallen log slowly decayed until it crumbled in my hand.

340 defend - The goalie defended the net for the whole second half.

341 delicate - The eggshell is delicate; hold it with two fingers.

342 develop - The photograph developed slowly until the faces appeared.

343 device - This little device measures how hot the oven really is.

344 disease - The tree caught a disease and had to be cut down.

345 distant - A distant rumble told us the storm was still miles away.

346 drift - The little boat drifted out with the tide, nobody rowing.

347 elegant - Her handwriting was elegant, every letter even and curled.

348 enable - A ramp enables the wheelchair to get up to the door.

349 endangered - There are so few of these frogs left that they are endangered.

350 examine - The vet examined the cat's paw and found a thorn.

351 experience - Riding a camel was a strange new experience.

352 fierce - The wind was so fierce that the fence blew over.

353 flexible - A garden hose is flexible; a pipe is not.

354 fortunate - We were fortunate: the rain stopped right before the game.

355 frail - The frail old chair creaked when anybody sat on it.

356 furious - He was furious when he found his model smashed.

357 gist - I missed the start, so just give me the gist of it.

358 glide - The skater glided across the ice without taking a step.

359 gradual - The hill has a gradual slope, so the climb is easy.

360 grasp - Grasp the rope with both hands before you swing.

361 habit - Brushing my teeth at night is a habit; I do not even think about it.

362 imitate - The parrot imitated Dad's cough so well that we all turned around.

363 individual - Each individual gets one ticket, so four of us need four.

364 infer - His boots were wet, so I inferred he had walked through the field.

365 intelligent - Crows are intelligent enough to use sticks as tools.

366 journey - The journey took two days by train.

367 limit - The speed limit on our street is twenty-five.

368 locate - It took ten minutes to locate the keys, behind the couch.

369 loyal - A loyal friend waits for you even when you are late.

370 magnificent - From the top the view was magnificent - you could see three towns.

371 method - His method for folding shirts is faster than mine.

372 moisture - There was so much moisture in the air that the windows fogged up.

373 occur - The eclipse will occur just after lunch.

374 opponent - My opponent shook my hand before the match started.

375 ordeal - Two hours in the dentist's chair was an ordeal.

376 origin - The origin of the word is Greek.

377 outcome - Nobody could guess the outcome until the last minute of the game.

378 passage - Read the passage on page four, the part about the flood.

379 persuade - It took twenty minutes to persuade him to try one bite.

380 predator - The hawk is a predator; the mouse is not.

381 prevent - A lid on the pot prevents the water from boiling over.

382 privilege - Staying up late on Friday is a privilege, not a rule.

383 purpose - The purpose of the fence is to keep the dog in the yard.

384 rare - A four-leaf clover is rare; most have three leaves.

385 recognize - I did not recognize her with short hair.

386 rely - We rely on the bus, so when it is late we are late.

387 remark - His only remark was that the soup needed salt.

388 repair - The repair took one screw and five minutes.

389 resident - Every resident of the building got a letter about the water.

390 responsible - She is responsible for locking up after practice.

391 ridiculous - Wearing snow boots in August is ridiculous.

392 schedule - The schedule says math at nine and reading at ten.

393 sensitive - My skin is sensitive to the sun, so I wear a hat.

394 signal - She gave the signal and we all started singing.

395 solution - The solution was simple: move the plant nearer the window.

396 survey - We surveyed the whole class and made a chart of the answers.

397 symbol - A heart is a symbol for love.

398 triumph - Finishing the race after falling twice was a triumph.

399 vacant - The house next door has been vacant since the summer.

409 vast - The desert was so vast that we drove for hours and saw nothing.

Fourth grade: Word List

Read the word, then the sentence. The child works out what the word means from the sentence, then defines it, explains it, or uses it in a sen

401 accomplish - She set out to swim a mile and accomplished it by August.

402 accurate - His guess was accurate to the minute.

403 adaptation - A polar bear's thick fur is an adaptation to the cold.

404 afford - We could not afford both, so we picked the cheaper one.

405 alert - The dog stayed alert all night, ears up at every sound.

406 ancestor - My ancestors came here on a boat a hundred years ago.

407 annual - The annual fair comes once a year, always in June.

408 apparent - It was soon apparent that we had taken the wrong turn.

409 appropriate - Boots are appropriate for the snow; sandals are not.

410 ascend - The balloon ascended until it was a dot in the sky.

411 attempt - On his third attempt he finally got the knot undone.

412 attentive - The class was attentive right through the long story.

413 awkward - Carrying the ladder around the corner was awkward.

414 assemble - It took an hour to assemble the shelf from forty pieces.

415 basic - Start with the basic step and we will add the hard part later.

416 benefit - One benefit of walking to school is you never wait for a bus.

417 blend - Blend the blue and the yellow until it turns green.

418 burrow - The rabbit vanished down its burrow under the hedge.

419 calculate - I calculated the total and it came to nine dollars.

420 capable - She is capable of carrying both bags, but let her choose.

421 captivity - Animals in captivity live longer but have less space.

422 cautious - A cautious driver slows before the corner, not after it.

423 century - The house has stood for a century, since 1926.

424 coax - We coaxed the cat out from under the shed with a bit of fish.

425 column - Add up the numbers in the left column first.

426 communicate - We communicated with hand signals because it was too loud to talk.

427 competition - Twelve schools entered the competition and ours came in third.

428 concentrate - I cannot concentrate with the radio on.

429 conclude - From the tracks we concluded a deer had been in the garden.

430 confirm - Call the office to confirm the time before you drive over.

431 confuse - The two maps confused me until I noticed one was upside down.

432 considerable - It takes a considerable amount of flour - nearly a whole bag.

433 contribute - Everyone contributed a dollar and we bought the class a plant.

434 critical - Water is critical on a hike; you can skip almost anything else.

435 decrease - The noise decreased as the rain eased off.

436 demonstrate - The coach demonstrated the throw before we tried it.

437 descend - We descended the stairs slowly with the heavy box.

438 desire - Her desire to fly a plane started when she was five.

439 destructive - The storm was destructive: three trees down and a roof gone.

440 disaster - The cake came out flat - a complete disaster.

441 disclose - He would not disclose where he hid the presents.

442 distract - The bird at the window distracted the whole class.

443 distribute - The teacher distributed one sheet to each table.

444 dusk - At dusk the streetlights came on and the sky went gray-blue.

445 eager - He was so eager to start that he had his coat on at seven.

446 effective - Baking soda is an effective way to get the smell out.

447 eliminate - Washing your hands eliminates most of the germs.

448 entire - She read the entire book in one afternoon.

449 essential - A key is essential; you cannot get in without one.

450 evidence - The crumbs on his shirt were evidence enough.

451 extraordinary - Hitting the target blindfolded was extraordinary.

452 fragile - The box was marked FRAGILE because of the glass inside.

453 frantic - We were frantic when the dog slipped his collar near the road.

454 frontier - Beyond the fort was the frontier, where the maps stopped.

455 generosity - Her generosity is why nobody in the class went without.

456 hardship - The winter brought real hardship: no work and no heat.

457 heroic - It was heroic of him to go back for the little ones.

458 humble - She won three medals and stayed humble about all of them.

459 impact - The impact of the new bell was that nobody was late.

460 increase - The noise increased as the crowd came in.

461 indicate - The arrow indicates which way to go.

462 inform - Please inform the office if you are going home early.

463 inspire - Her story inspired me to start running.

464 invisible - The wind is invisible, but you can see what it does.

465 jagged - The broken shell had jagged edges, so I picked it up carefully.

466 maximum - The maximum for the elevator is eight people.

467 meadow - The meadow was knee-high with grass and full of butterflies.

468 minimum - The minimum age for the ride is six.

469 modest - He was modest about the goal, saying the pass did the work.

470 noble - Giving up his seat was a noble thing to do.

471 obvious - The answer was obvious once she pointed at it.

472 orchard - The orchard behind the house has forty apple trees.

473 outstanding - Her project was outstanding - the best in the school.

474 peculiar - There was a peculiar smell in the kitchen we could not place.

475 permit - The sign does not permit dogs past the gate.

476 plentiful - Blackberries were plentiful that year; we filled three buckets.

477 portion - I gave the smaller portion to my sister because she asked first.

478 previous - The previous owner painted the door bright red.

479 proceed - After the rain stopped, the game proceeded.

480 queasy - The winding road made me queasy.

481 rarely - He rarely misses a day - maybe twice a year.

482 recommend - I recommend the second book; the first one drags.

483 reduce - Turn the flame down to reduce the heat.

484 release - We released the frog back into the pond.

485 represent - The blue line on the map represents the river.

486 request - She made one request: no surprises.

487 resist - I could not resist a second helping.

488 reveal - The curtain went back to reveal the whole stage.

489 routine - Our morning routine is the same every day: breakfast, teeth, bus.

490 scarce - Water was scarce, so we each got one cup.

491 severe - A severe frost finished the tomatoes overnight.

492 shallow - The shallow end only comes up to my knees.

493 sturdy - The sturdy table held all four of us standing on it.

494 summarize - Summarize the chapter in three sentences.

495 surface - The surface of the pond had a thin skin of ice.

496 temporary - The fence is temporary, just until the wall is rebuilt.

497 tolerate - I can tolerate the cold, but not the wind.

498 utensil - Forks and spoons are the utensils we use most.

499 vibrate - The whole floor vibrated when the train went past.

500 weary - After two days of driving we were weary and quiet.

Fifth grade: Word List

Read the word, then the sentence. The child works out what the word means from the sentence, then defines it, explains it, or uses it in a sen

501 abolish - The town voted to abolish the old rule about bikes on the path.

502 absurd - The idea that cats do the dishes is absurd.

503 access - The side gate is the only access to the garden.

504 achievement - Finishing the whole book in a week was a real achievement.

505 aggressive - The goalie was so aggressive that the referee spoke to him.

506 alternate - We alternate: I wash one night, she washes the next.

507 altitude - At that altitude the air is thin and it is hard to run.

508 announce - The principal announced the winners over the speaker.

509 antagonist - In the story the antagonist keeps setting traps for the hero.

510 antonym - The antonym of "wet" is "dry".

511 anxious - I was anxious about the test until I saw the first question.

512 approximate - The approximate time is nine o'clock, give or take ten minutes.

513 argument - Her argument was that the bus is cheaper AND faster.

514 aroma - The aroma of bread came up the stairs and woke everyone.

515 assume - Do not assume the door is locked; check it.

516 astound - The size of the whale skeleton astounded us.

517 available - Only two tickets were still available by Friday.

518 avalanche - The avalanche buried the road under ten feet of snow.

519 banquet - The banquet had eight courses and a speech between each one.

520 beverage - Pick any beverage you like: water, milk or juice.

521 bland - The soup was bland until she added pepper and salt.

522 blizzard - The blizzard closed every school in the county.

523 briskly - She walked briskly so we would not be late.

524 budge - I pushed and pushed and the door would not budge.

525 cautiously - He stepped cautiously onto the frozen pond, testing it first.

526 cease - The hammering ceased at six and the street went quiet.

527 challenge - Learning the whole song by Friday was a challenge.

528 character - My favorite character in the book is the younger sister.

529 claim - He claims he has never lost a game, which I doubt.

530 combine - Combine the flour and the water before you add anything else.

531 companion - My dog is my companion on every walk.

532 compassion - She showed compassion for the new boy and sat with him.

533 comply - The driver complied with the sign and slowed down.

534 compose - She composed the tune on the piano in one afternoon.

535 concept - The concept is simple: everybody brings one thing to share.

536 confident - After practicing all week he felt confident about the solo.

537 conflict - The conflict in the story is between the farmer and the wolves.

538 consistent - His times were consistent: four minutes, every single lap.

539 context - From the context I could tell "mend" meant "fix".

540 convert - We converted the shed into a place to keep the bikes.

541 courteous - The courteous thing is to hold the door for the person behind.

542 crave - After the hike we all craved something cold to drink.

543 debate - The two teams held a debate about later school start times.

544 decade - My grandparents have lived here for a decade - since 2016.

545 decline - She declined the offer politely and walked home instead.

546 dedicate - He dedicated the whole summer to learning the drums.

547 deprive - Do not deprive the plant of light or it will not flower.

548 detect - The dog detected the smell of the treat in my pocket.

549 dictate - She dictated the list while I wrote it down.

550 document - Bring a document with your name and address on it.

551 dominate - One tall sunflower dominated the whole flower bed.

552 duplicate - I made a duplicate of the key so we each have one.

553 edible - Some berries look nice but are not edible.

554 effortless - She made the high note sound effortless.

555 endanger - Leaving the gate open endangers the sheep.

556 equivalent - Four quarters is the equivalent of a dollar.

557 establish - They established the club in 1994 with six members.

558 evaluate - The judges evaluated each project on three things.

559 exert - He exerted himself so hard on the hill that he had to stop.

560 exhibit - The museum has a new exhibit about bees.

561 expansion - The expansion of the library added two rooms.

562 familiar - The tune was familiar but I could not name it.

563 feeble - The kitten was feeble at first and grew stronger every day.

564 frigid - The water was frigid; nobody lasted more than a minute.

565 gigantic - A gigantic wave broke over the whole pier.

566 glare - She gave me a glare when I interrupted.

567 guardian - His aunt is his guardian and signs all his forms.

568 hesitate - He hesitated at the edge, then jumped.

569 hilarious - The blooper at the end was hilarious.

570 horizontal - Draw one horizontal line across and one vertical line down.

571 hostile - The crowd turned hostile when the call went against them.

572 identical - The two drawings are identical - even the smudge matches.

573 illuminate - One candle illuminated the whole tent.

574 immense - The immense hall could have held our whole school twice.

575 impressive - Her jump was impressive; she cleared the whole puddle.

576 independent - He is independent now and makes his own breakfast.

577 industrious - The industrious team had the whole wall painted by noon.

578 influence - Her big brother's music is an influence on what she listens to.

579 intercept - She intercepted the pass and ran the other way.

580 jubilation - There was jubilation in the stands when the goal went in.

581 luxurious - The hotel bed was luxurious compared with our tent.

582 miniature - He built a miniature version of our house out of matchsticks.

583 narrator - The narrator tells you what the boy is thinking.

584 navigate - We navigated home by the river rather than the road.

585 numerous - There were numerous reasons to stay, and only one to go.

586 obsolete - Film cameras are nearly obsolete now.

587 pedestrian - The car stopped to let the pedestrian cross.

588 pertain - That rule pertains to bikes, not scooters.

589 portable - The speaker is portable, so we take it to the park.

590 preserve - We preserve the plums in jars so they last all winter.

591 protagonist - The protagonist is the girl who finds the map.

592 reliable - The bus is reliable on weekdays and hopeless on Sundays.

593 significant - There was a significant difference: one plant doubled in size.

594 strategy - Our strategy was to pass short and keep the ball.

595 summit - From the summit you can see two states.

596 sustain - One bottle of water will not sustain you on a hike that long.

597 trivial - The mistake was trivial; nobody even noticed.

598 vertical - The cliff was almost vertical, straight up and down.

599 vigorous - A vigorous walk every morning keeps the dog calm.

600 wary - After the first sting she was wary of the whole hedge.

Sixth grade: Word List

Read the word, then the sentence. The child works out what the word means from the sentence, then defines it, explains it, or uses it in a sen

601 abandon - They abandoned the boat on the sandbar and swam in.

602 abundant - Rain was abundant that spring, and everything grew fast.

603 accommodate - The hall can accommodate two hundred people sitting down.

604 accumulate - Junk accumulates in that drawer until nothing else fits.

605 adapt - She adapted to the new school faster than she expected.

606 adequate - One blanket was adequate; two would have been too hot.

607 adjacent - Our seats were adjacent, so we talked the whole flight.

608 amble - We ambled home the long way, in no hurry at all.

609 allegiance - His allegiance to the team never wavered, even in a losing season.

610 ample - There was ample food; we took half of it home again.

611 anguish - The anguish in her voice told us the news before she said it.

612 anticipate - Anticipate the traffic and leave twenty minutes early.

613 apparel - The store sells winter apparel: coats, hats and boots.

614 apprehensive - He was apprehensive about the dentist until it was over.

615 arid - Nothing grows in that arid stretch without watering.

616 arrogant - Winning twice made him arrogant, and the team noticed.

617 artifact - The artifact in the case is a bowl from two thousand years ago.

618 barren - The field was barren after the flood - not one green leaf.

619 beacon - The beacon on the point warns ships off the rocks.

620 beneficial - Ten minutes of reading a night is beneficial in the long run.

621 blunder - Reading the wrong page out loud was an embarrassing blunder.

622 boisterous - The boisterous crowd could be heard three streets away.

623 boycott - The town boycotted the store until it fixed its prices.

624 burden - Carrying both packs was a burden he took on without asking.

625 capacity - The pitcher has a capacity of two liters.

626 catastrophe - The fire was a catastrophe for the whole village.

627 chronological - Put the photos in chronological order, oldest first.

628 civilization - That civilization built roads we still walk on today.

629 clarity - Her explanation had such clarity that nobody had a question.

630 collaborate - Two classes collaborated on the mural.

631 commend - The coach commended her for playing fair when it cost the game.

632 compact - The compact camera fits in a pocket.

633 concise - Keep the note concise: three sentences at most.

634 conserve - Turning off the faucet while brushing conserves water.

635 conspicuous - His red coat was conspicuous in the gray crowd.

636 contaminate - One dirty spoon can contaminate the whole batch.

637 controversy - The new bell times caused a controversy at the meeting.

638 convenient - The store is convenient: it is on the way home.

639 cordial - They were cordial to each other even though they disagreed.

640 cultivate - He cultivated the patch for two years before it gave fruit.

641 declare - She declared that she was finished and closed the book.

642 deluge - The deluge filled the basement in under an hour.

643 dense - The forest was so dense we could not see ten feet ahead.

644 deplete - Running the heater all night depleted the tank.

645 deteriorate - The old bridge deteriorated until it had to be closed.

646 diligent - He was diligent about practice: twenty minutes, every day.

647 diminish - The sound diminished as the train went into the tunnel.

648 distinct - The two birds have distinct calls once you have heard both.

649 diversity - The garden's diversity means something is flowering all year.

650 inhabit - Owls inhabit the barn at the end of the lane.

651 dubious - His dubious excuse involved three buses and a lost shoe.

652 eerie - The empty playground at night was eerie.

653 efficient - The new route is efficient: same distance, half the stops.

654 elaborate - He built an elaborate track with tunnels and a loop.

655 eligible - You are eligible for the team once you are eleven.

656 elude - The cat eluded us for an hour, then walked in by herself.

657 encounter - We encountered a deer on the path and both froze.

658 evolve - The game evolved over the summer until the rules filled a page.

659 exaggerate - He said the fish was enormous, but he exaggerates.

660 extinct - That bird has been extinct for two hundred years.

661 ferocious - The wind was ferocious and took the fence down.

662 futile - Bailing with a cup was futile; the boat filled anyway.

663 genuine - The surprise on her face was genuine.

664 habitat - The pond is the habitat of every frog in the neighborhood.

665 hazardous - Ice on the steps is hazardous; use the rail.

666 hoax - The photo turned out to be a hoax made with two pictures.

667 hypothesis - Our hypothesis was that the seeds in the dark would grow taller.

668 ignite - One spark ignited the dry grass.

669 notable - One notable change: the bus now runs on Sundays.

670 inept - My first attempt at pancakes was inept, and the second was fine.

671 inevitable - With that much rain, a flood was inevitable.

672 ingenious - Using a spoon as a screwdriver was ingenious.

673 innovation - The zipper was an innovation that replaced rows of buttons.

674 intimidate - The other team tried to intimidate us by shouting, and it failed.

675 jovial - Grandpa is jovial at breakfast and quiet by evening.

676 leisure - He reads at leisure on Sundays, with nowhere to be.

677 linger - We lingered at the table long after the plates were cleared.

678 loathe - I loathe the smell of that cleaner.

679 majority - The majority chose the beach: nine out of twelve.

680 manipulate - He tried to manipulate the vote by promising everyone a turn.

681 meager - A meager breakfast of one slice of toast was not enough.

682 migration - The migration takes the birds three thousand miles south.

683 mimic - The baby mimicked every face I made.

684 monotonous - The drive was monotonous: flat fields for two hours.

685 obstacle - The fallen tree was the only obstacle on the whole trail.

686 optimist - She is an optimist: rain means the garden gets a drink.

687 paraphrase - Paraphrase the paragraph instead of copying it.

688 persecute - People were persecuted for their beliefs and had to leave.

689 plummet - The temperature plummeted twenty degrees after sunset.

690 predicament - Locked out with no phone was a real predicament.

691 prominent - The prominent tower is the first thing you see driving in.

692 prosper - The store prospered once the new road opened.

693 reluctant - He was reluctant to try the soup, and then ate two bowls.

694 remorse - His remorse was obvious; he apologized twice.

695 resolute - She was resolute about finishing, even though her legs were tired.

696 sanctuary - The island is a sanctuary where no hunting is allowed.

697 stationary - Stay stationary while I measure you.

698 subsequent - The first attempt failed; subsequent ones went better.

699 tangible - A drawing is tangible; an idea is not.

700 unanimous - The vote was unanimous - all twenty-four hands went up.

Seventh grade: Word List

Read the word, then the sentence. The child works out what the word means from the sentence, then defines it, explains it, or uses it in a sen

701 abate - The storm abated by morning and the wind dropped to nothing.

702 abnormal - A temperature that high is abnormal and worth a call.

703 abrupt - The music came to an abrupt stop in the middle of a line.

704 accelerate - The train accelerated once it cleared the station.

705 acknowledge - He acknowledged that he had forgotten, and apologized.

706 acquire - Over the years she acquired every book in the series.

707 admonish - The librarian admonished us gently for talking.

708 affiliation - His affiliation with the club goes back ten years.

709 allege - The report alleges the fence was moved, but nobody saw it.

710 allocate - We allocated one hour to painting and two to drying.

711 alternative - If the bridge is closed, the alternative is the ferry.

712 amendment - The club passed an amendment letting members bring guests.

713 anonymous - The gift was anonymous; no card, no name.

714 antagonize - Poking the dog will only antagonize him.

715 apathy - Apathy is why only four people voted.

716 aspire - She aspires to play at the national level.

717 astute - One astute question showed she had read the whole thing.

718 attribute - Patience is his best attribute, and it gets him through long jobs.

719 authentic - The jacket is authentic, from the 1940s.

720 avert - Quick thinking averted an accident at the corner.

721 bewilder - The instructions bewildered us until we found the diagram.

722 bias - The story showed a bias: only one side was quoted.

723 blatant - Cutting the line was a blatant move; everyone saw it.

724 bleak - The field looked bleak in November: gray, wet and empty.

725 candid - Her candid answer was that she had not practiced.

726 capricious - The weather was capricious: sun, hail, then sun again.

727 casual - It is a casual party, so wear whatever you like.

728 characterize - I would characterize the book as slow but worth it.

729 climax - The climax of the story is the night of the storm.

730 compel - Nothing compels you to go; it is your choice.

731 competent - She is competent with a hammer and no good with a saw.

732 component - The last component of the kit was missing.

733 compromise - We compromised: one hour of my game and one of hers.

734 concur - I concur with the plan, except for the timing.

735 condemn - The letter condemned the plan to cut the trees.

736 confront - He confronted the problem instead of waiting for it to grow.

737 congested - The hallway was congested with bags and people.

738 connotation - "Cheap" has a connotation that "inexpensive" does not.

739 consecutive - It rained four consecutive days, Monday to Thursday.

740 consult - Consult the map before you take a turn.

741 copious - She took copious notes, eight pages of them.

742 correspond - The numbers on the key correspond to the rooms.

743 covet - He coveted his brother's spot by the window.

744 customary - It is customary to bring something when you are invited.

745 dawdle - Do not dawdle - the bus leaves in five minutes.

746 debut - Her debut on stage was in second grade, as a tree.

747 demeanor - His calm demeanor kept everybody else calm too.

748 dependent - The whole plan is dependent on the weather.

749 derogatory - The nickname was derogatory, so the teacher stopped it.

750 despondent - After the third rejection he was despondent for a week.

751 devastate - The frost devastated the orange crop.

752 devour - He devoured the sandwich in four bites.

753 dismal - The score was dismal, but the effort was not.

754 dismantle - We dismantled the bed to get it through the door.

755 distraught - She was distraught when the necklace went missing.

756 docile - The horse was docile enough for a first ride.

757 emphasize - He emphasized that we had to be back by six.

758 endure - The fence endured two storms and a fallen branch.

759 enthrall - The magician enthralled the whole room.

760 epidemic - The flu epidemic emptied half the classroom.

761 erode - Rain eroded the bank until the path had to be moved.

762 exuberant - The team was exuberant after such a close win.

763 famished - We were famished by the time we got home.

764 fathom - I cannot fathom how he finished it so fast.

765 feud - The feud between the two families lasted years.

766 flaw - There was one flaw in the plan: nobody had a key.

767 formidable - The other team was formidable, unbeaten all season.

768 fruitless - Two hours of searching was fruitless; the ring was in the car.

769 gratify - It gratified her to see her plants finally flower.

770 haggle - They haggled over the bike until they met in the middle.

771 hospitable - Our neighbors were hospitable the whole week we stayed.

772 impartial - A referee has to be impartial, whoever is winning.

773 impede - Snow impeded the buses all morning.

774 implore - She implored him to take a coat.

775 incredulous - He was incredulous when I said I had run the whole way.

776 indifferent - He was indifferent about the movie; he did not mind either way.

777 infuriate - The unfair call infuriated the crowd.

778 initiate - She initiated the clean-up before anybody asked.

779 irrelevant - His point was interesting but irrelevant to the question.

780 lavish - The meal was lavish: four courses and two desserts.

781 legitimate - A note from home is a legitimate reason to leave early.

782 ludicrous - The idea of swimming in December was ludicrous.

783 magnitude - Nobody understood the magnitude of the job until we started.

784 mandatory - Helmets are mandatory on this trail.

785 melancholy - The last day of camp always felt melancholy.

786 momentum - Once the cart had momentum it was hard to stop.

787 nurture - He nurtured the seedlings all spring.

788 obnoxious - The noise from the alarm was obnoxious.

789 omit - She omitted one step and the cake came out flat.

790 perceive - I did not perceive any difference between the two.

791 persist - He persisted until the knot came undone.

792 poised - She looked poised at the start line, not nervous at all.

793 ponder - He pondered the question for a long minute.

794 punctual - She is always punctual, never a minute late.

795 quench - Nothing quenched our thirst like the cold water fountain at the top.

796 random - The order was random, drawn out of a hat.

797 recede - The floodwater receded slowly over three days.

798 relinquish - He relinquished the front seat to his sister.

799 rudimentary - My French is rudimentary: hello, thank you, goodbye.

800 scrutinize - She scrutinized the photo until she found the mistake.

Eighth grade: Word List

Read the word, then the sentence. The child works out what the word means from the sentence, then defines it, explains it, or uses it in a sen

801 abhor - She abhors waste and saves every scrap of paper.

802 accord - The two sides reached an accord after a long afternoon.

803 adept - He is adept at fixing bikes; he has done it since he was ten.

804 advocate - She advocates for later start times at every meeting.

805 agile - The agile cat crossed the fence tops without a sound.

806 allot - Each speaker was allotted three minutes, no more.

807 aloof - He seemed aloof at first and turned out to be shy.

808 ambiguous - The sign was ambiguous: it could mean either direction.

809 amiss - Something was amiss - the door was open and the lights were on.

810 analogy - She used an analogy: the heart is a pump.

811 anarchy - With the referee gone the game descended into anarchy.

812 anthology - The anthology has one poem from every student.

813 apprehend - The dog was apprehended two streets away, quite pleased with himself.

814 ardent - He is an ardent supporter and has not missed a game in years.

815 articulate - She is articulate: she can explain a hard idea in a sentence.

816 assail - The letters assailed the plan from every direction.

817 assimilate - It took a semester to assimilate all the new rules.

818 assumption - The whole plan rested on one assumption: that the store was open.

819 audacious - It was an audacious move to try a three-pointer from that far out.

820 augment - He augmented his savings by walking two dogs after school.

821 avid - An avid reader, she gets through three books a month.

822 awry - Our plans went awry when the tire went flat.

823 balmy - It was a balmy evening, warm enough to eat outside.

824 banter - Their banter across the kitchen went on all through dinner.

825 benign - The lump turned out to be benign, and everyone breathed again.

826 bizarre - The bizarre thing was that the door locked itself.

827 bountiful - The harvest was bountiful and the shelves were full.

828 capacious - The capacious bag held everything for a week away.

829 chastise - He was chastised for leaving the gate open.

830 cite - Cite the page you took the quote from.

831 clarify - Let me clarify: practice is Tuesday, not Thursday.

832 colleague - Her colleague covered the class while she was out.

833 commemorate - The plaque commemorates the first bridge across the river.

834 commence - The ceremony commenced at noon, exactly on time.

835 conjecture - Without the letter, it is all conjecture.

836 conscientious - A conscientious worker, he checked every measurement twice.

837 conspire - They conspired to surprise her with a cake.

838 contagious - Her laugh is contagious; the whole table starts up.

839 conventional - The conventional route is the highway, but the coast road is prettier.

840 convey - The photograph conveys the cold better than any description.

841 corroborate - Two witnesses corroborated his version of it.

842 crucial - The first hour is crucial; after that it gets easier.

843 culminate - The season culminated in a final nobody expected them to reach.

844 decipher - It took an hour to decipher his handwriting.

845 deplore - She deplores the way the old building was treated.

846 depict - The painting depicts the harbor before the bridge was built.

847 derive - The word derives from Latin, where it meant a small stone.

848 desolate - The beach was desolate in winter, not a soul on it.

849 deter - A light on the porch deters most trouble.

850 discern - In the fog we could just discern the shape of the boat.

851 disdain - He looked at the cold soup with disdain.

852 disposition - She has a cheerful disposition, even before coffee.

853 durable - The boots are durable: three winters and no leaks.

854 eccentric - Our eccentric neighbor keeps a rowboat in his front yard.

855 diverse - The club is diverse: eight countries at one table.

856 elapse - Two hours elapsed before anybody noticed.

857 elite - The elite runners started twenty minutes ahead of everyone else.

858 embark - We embarked on the project with no idea how long it would take.

859 encompass - The park encompasses the lake and both hills.

860 endeavor - Her endeavor to learn the cello lasted all year.

861 enhance - A little salt enhances the flavor.

862 enigma - How the cat got on the roof remains an enigma.

863 epoch - The invention of printing began a new epoch.

864 evoke - The smell of pine evokes December for me.

865 exemplify - Her work exemplifies what careful measuring looks like.

866 facilitate - A shared calendar facilitates the whole thing.

867 fallacy - It is a fallacy that lightning never strikes twice.

868 fastidious - He is fastidious about his tools: each one has its place.

869 feasible - Finishing in a day is feasible if we start early.

870 forfeit - The team had to forfeit the match with only four players.

871 exuberance - The exuberance of the crowd carried the team through overtime.

872 fortify - They fortified the bank with sandbags before the river rose.

873 foster - The club fosters new players by pairing them with veterans.

874 gingerly - He picked up the hot dish gingerly with a towel.

875 gullible - I am gullible on the first of April, every year.

876 haven - The library was a haven on rainy days at recess.

877 hindrance - The heavy coat was a hindrance once the sun came out.

878 imminent - With clouds like that, rain is imminent.

879 imperative - It is imperative to lock up; the alarm will not set otherwise.

880 inaugurate - They inaugurated the new pool with a race between the teachers.

881 intricate - The intricate carving took the woodworker two months.

882 lucrative - The stall turned out to be lucrative: they sold out by ten.

883 luminous - The luminous dial can be read in the dark.

884 meticulous - Her notes are meticulous, down to the date on every page.

885 novice - As a novice, he asked a lot of good questions.

886 ornate - The ornate gate has iron flowers along the top.

887 perspective - From the driver's perspective the corner is blind.

888 phenomenon - The northern lights are a phenomenon worth staying up for.

889 pivotal - Her save in the last minute was pivotal.

890 plausible - His story is plausible, but I would still check.

891 precise - Give me a precise number, not a rough one.

892 prevalent - That style of roof is prevalent all along this street.

893 prodigy - A prodigy at eight, she was playing concerts at twelve.

894 proficient - Two years of lessons made him proficient on the guitar.

895 profound - The silence after the news was profound.

896 resilient - The garden is resilient; it came back after the frost.

897 serene - The lake was serene at six in the morning.

898 tedious - Copying out the list was tedious but necessary.

899 validate - The second test validated the first result.

900 vindicate - The photograph vindicated her account of what happened.

Ninth grade: Word List

Read the word, then the sentence. The child works out what the word means from the sentence, then defines it, explains it, or uses it in a sen

901 absolve - The review absolved the driver, who had done nothing wrong.

902 adversary - On the court they were adversaries; off it they carpooled.

903 alleviate - An ice pack alleviated the swelling within an hour.

904 ambivalent - She was ambivalent about the move: new school, same city.

905 animosity - There was no animosity in the argument, just disagreement.

906 arbitrary - The cut-off felt arbitrary - why 16 and not 15?

907 benevolent - A benevolent stranger paid for the ticket and walked off.

908 candor - His candor was refreshing: he said he had not read it.

909 comprehensive - The report was comprehensive, covering ten years of data.

910 credible - Her account was credible and matched the timeline exactly.

911 cursory - A cursory glance at the page missed the footnote entirely.

912 cynic - The cynic assumed the free lunch had a catch.

913 dearth - There was a dearth of volunteers, so the fair nearly folded.

914 deficient - The soil was deficient in iron, which is why the leaves yellowed.

915 detract - One loose thread does not detract from a good coat.

916 digress - He digressed into a story about his dog and lost the thread.

917 dilemma - The dilemma was that both options meant missing something.

918 dissent - One vote of dissent was recorded in the minutes.

919 distort - The cheap lens distorted the edges of every photograph.

920 diversion - The puppy was a welcome diversion from homework.

921 elation - Her elation lasted the whole week after the results came.

922 elicit - The question elicited an answer nobody expected.

923 escalate - A small disagreement escalated into a week of silence.

924 exacerbate - Scratching only exacerbates the itch and makes it last longer.

925 excerpt - We read an excerpt, about two pages, not the whole novel.

926 explicit - The instructions were explicit: no glue, no tape.

927 exposition - The first chapter is exposition; the plot starts in the second.

928 falter - His voice faltered on the second line and then steadied.

929 feign - He feigned interest in the tour and checked his watch twice.

930 fluctuate - Prices fluctuate all summer and settle in the autumn.

931 formulate - She formulated a plan over two evenings and a lot of paper.

932 generate - The panels generate enough power for the lights.

933 hypothetical - Consider a hypothetical town with no cars at all.

934 implausible - The excuse was implausible: the store closes at nine.

935 implication - The implication was that we should not come back.

936 imply - Saying "some people were late" implies more than one.

937 incentive - A free drink is an incentive to bring your own cup.

938 incoherent - Woken at three, his answer was incoherent.

939 indolent - An indolent afternoon in the shade was exactly what we needed.

940 infamous - The corner is infamous for cyclists falling off.

941 intercede - Her aunt interceded and the fine was dropped.

942 interpret - She interpreted the graph for the rest of us.

943 isolate - The vet isolated the sick rabbit from the others.

944 jeopardize - Missing practice twice would jeopardize his place.

945 mediate - The counselor mediated until both sides could speak.

946 mortify - It mortified him to be sung to in a restaurant.

947 niche - She found her niche in the stage crew rather than on stage.

948 obscure - The rule is obscure; even the coach had to look it up.

949 pacify - A bottle pacified the baby for twenty minutes.

950 perception - The perception is that the road is dangerous; the record says otherwise.

951 pertinent - Only one of his questions was pertinent to the vote.

952 proponent - She is a proponent of later starts and has the sleep data to argue it.

953 punitive - The punitive fee for a late return is a dollar a day.

954 rapport - The new teacher built a rapport with the class in a week.

955 rationale - The rationale for the change was money, plainly stated.

956 reconcile - It took a year, but the brothers reconciled.

957 redundant - The second paragraph was redundant and came out.

958 respective - They went to their respective rooms without a word.

959 retaliate - Rather than retaliate, she let the comment go.

960 salvage - We salvaged the frame and threw the rest away.

961 scrutiny - Under scrutiny the figures did not add up.

962 simulate - The program simulates a flight, including the weather.

963 squander - He squandered the whole morning on a broken printer.

964 succumb - By Friday she succumbed to the cold going around.

965 technique - Her technique in the water is better than her speed.

966 tenacious - The tenacious weed came back three times.

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967 traumatic - The crash was traumatic, and they talked about it for months.

968 turmoil - The kitchen was in turmoil twenty minutes before service.

969 valid - His objection was valid, so the plan changed.

970 verify - Verify the address before you mail it.

971 viable - Walking is only viable if we leave an hour earlier.

972 vulnerable - Seedlings are vulnerable to frost for the first two weeks.

973 adamant - He was adamant that he had locked the door.

974 aesthetic - The change was purely aesthetic; nothing works differently.

975 apathetic - The crowd was apathetic until the last ten minutes.

976 cogent - Her cogent argument changed three minds in the room.

977 austere - The room was austere: a bed, a chair, one window.

978 coerce - Nobody should be coerced into speaking in front of the class.

979 compile - He compiled every recipe his grandmother knew into one book.

980 concede - She conceded the point but not the argument.

981 condone - The school does not condone skipping practice, even for a good reason.

982 deference - Out of deference to the neighbors we finished by nine.

983 wane - His interest in the guitar waned after a month.

984 diligence - Her diligence over six months is why the garden looks like that.

985 discrepancy - There was a discrepancy of two dollars between the register and the list.

986 empathy - Empathy is why she noticed he had gone quiet.

987 exemplary - His attendance was exemplary: one day missed in four years.

988 fallible - Even a careful checker is fallible, which is why there are two.

989 inhibit - Fear of the answer inhibits a lot of questions.

990 innate - A sense of rhythm seems innate in her; nobody taught it.

991 integral - The bass line is integral to the song; without it there is nothing.

992 intervene - A passer-by intervened before the argument grew.

993 methodical - He is methodical: every step in order, every time.

994 nuance - The nuance is in the second sentence, so read it twice.

995 paramount - Safety is paramount on the water, above everything else.

996 plight - The plight of the stray dogs brought the shelter a hundred calls.

997 prudent - It is prudent to carry a spare tube on a long ride.

998 reticent - He is reticent about the award and will not mention it.

999 superficial - The damage was superficial - paint, not metal.

1000 sustenance - A handful of nuts was the only sustenance he had all day.

Tenth grade: Word List

Read the word, then the sentence. The child works out what the word means from the sentence, then defines it, explains it, or uses it in a sen

1001 abstract - The idea stayed abstract until somebody drew it on the board.

1002 assiduous - His assiduous note-taking filled three notebooks in a semester.

1003 belligerent - One belligerent voice in the meeting set everybody off.

1004 bolster - Two extra volunteers bolstered the team enough to finish.

1005 bureaucratic - The bureaucratic part took six weeks and four forms.

1006 circumvent - They circumvented the long line by booking online.

1007 coalition - A coalition of three clubs shared the field and the costs.

1008 cohesive - The group became cohesive once everybody knew their part.

1009 concurrent - The two events were concurrent, so we had to choose.

1010 constituent - Each constituent of the mixture had to be weighed.

1011 contingent - The picnic is contingent on the forecast holding.

1012 criteria - The criteria were simple: on time, on budget, safe.

1013 disparity - There was a disparity between what was promised and what arrived.

1014 disseminate - The notice was disseminated to every classroom by lunchtime.

1015 dissident - The dissident wrote letters nobody in power wanted printed.

1016 divert - A fallen tree diverted the stream into the field.

1017 dormant - The volcano has been dormant for two hundred years.

1018 egocentric - His egocentric version of the trip left out everyone else.

1019 elusive - The answer was elusive; we circled it for an hour.

1020 emulate - He emulated his sister's technique and knocked a second off.

1021 equitable - An equitable split means four slices each, not five and three.

1022 eradicate - One cold snap eradicated the whole colony of beetles.

1023 estrange - The argument estranged the cousins for a decade.

1024 expedite - A phone call expedited the repair from weeks to days.

1025 fabricate - He fabricated the whole excuse on the walk to school.

1026 fortuitous - Meeting her at the station was fortuitous; we had not planned it.

1027 fraudulent - The fraudulent receipt had last year's date on it.

1028 illicit - The sign warned against illicit fishing in the reservoir.

1029 impetuous - An impetuous decision at midnight looked worse at seven.

1030 incongruous - A grand piano in a garden shed is incongruous.

1031 indigenous - Those ferns are indigenous; the ivy was brought in.

1032 indiscriminate - Indiscriminate pruning took the healthy branches along with the bare ones.

1033 inherent - There is an inherent risk in climbing, however careful you are.

1034 jurisdiction - The park is outside the city's jurisdiction.

1035 lax - Security was lax: the gate stood open all afternoon.

1036 negligent - Leaving the heater on was negligent rather than deliberate.

1037 nonchalant - He was nonchalant about the goal, as if he scored every week.

1038 oblivious - Headphones in, she was oblivious to the shouting.

1039 opportune - It was an opportune moment: the room had just gone quiet.

1040 oppose - Two of the twelve opposed the change.

1041 panacea - A new bell is not a panacea for being late.

1042 perfunctory - His perfunctory apology, delivered to the floor, convinced nobody.

1043 precarious - The ladder was in a precarious position on the gravel.

1044 precipitate - The letter precipitated a week of phone calls.

1045 preclude - A broken wrist precluded any swimming that summer.

1046 preposterous - The claim that he swam the channel twice is preposterous.

1047 propensity - She has a propensity for finding lost things.

1048 qualitative - The qualitative difference is in the taste, not the price.

1049 quantitative - The quantitative result was clear: twice as many seeds sprouted.

1050 recalcitrant - The recalcitrant lock needed a locksmith in the end.

1051 redeem - One excellent second half redeemed a poor first.

1052 rejuvenate - A week off rejuvenated the whole crew.

1053 relegate - The old couch was relegated to the garage.

1054 retrospect - In retrospect we should have taken the earlier train.

1055 sanction - The league's sanction was a one-game ban.

1056 spontaneous - The applause was spontaneous; nobody started it.

1057 static - The score stayed static for the last ten minutes.

1058 stringent - The rules on the water are stringent for good reason.

1059 subordinate - The design was subordinate to the budget, in the end.

1060 subsidize - The club subsidized the bus so everybody could travel.

1061 tenuous - The connection between the two events is tenuous at best.

1062 tumult - There was a tumult in the hall when the news came through.

1063 unilateral - The unilateral decision annoyed everyone who was not consulted.

1064 zealot - A zealot for punctuality, he locks the door at nine exactly.

1065 divergent - The two accounts were divergent on one detail only.

1066 pragmatic - The pragmatic answer was to buy the cheaper one and move on.

1067 ostracize - Nobody should be ostracized for missing a practice.

1068 ubiquitous - Phones are ubiquitous now; twenty years ago they were not.

1069 altruistic - An altruistic act with nobody watching is the real test.

1070 anecdotal - The evidence is anecdotal: three people's stories, no records.

1071 apprehension - There was some apprehension before the first rehearsal.

1072 autonomy - The new group was given autonomy over its own budget.

1073 banal - The ending was banal - exactly what everyone expected.

1074 innocuous - The change was innocuous and nobody even noticed it.

1075 capitalize - She capitalized on the mistake and scored.

1076 censorship - Censorship of the school paper became the story itself.

1077 coherent - His argument was coherent from the first line to the last.

1078 commodity - Water became the most valuable commodity on the trail.

1079 complacent - Two easy wins made the team complacent.

1080 conducive - A quiet room is conducive to finishing anything.

1081 consensus - The consensus was to start earlier and finish earlier.

1082 constrain - The budget constrained the design more than the space did.

1083 covert - The covert plan for the party involved three false dinner invitations.

1084 deduce - From the wet umbrella I deduced it had rained.

1085 portray - The mural portrays the harbor as it looked in 1910.

1086 deviate - The path deviates from the river after the second bridge.

1087 discord - There was discord over the rota for weeks.

1088 empirical - The empirical test settled it: we measured both.

1089 exploit - They exploited the gap in the rules until it was closed.

1090 extrapolate - From two data points you cannot extrapolate much.

1091 hierarchy - The hierarchy in the kitchen is clear within one shift.

1092 impartiality - The judge's impartiality was never in question.

1093 inference - The inference from the tracks was that the deer came at night.

1094 inhibition - She lost her inhibition about singing after the first verse.

1095 integrate - The two classes were integrated for the whole project.

1096 mitigate - Planting the bank mitigated the flooding downstream.

1097 notorious - The junction is notorious for near misses.

1098 paradox - It is a paradox that the quietest player is the loudest coach.

1099 perseverance - Six months of perseverance and the wall was finally finished.

1100 plagiarize - To plagiarize is to pass somebody else's words off as yours.

Eleventh grade: Word List

Read the word, then the sentence. The child works out what the word means from the sentence, then defines it, explains it, or uses it in a sen

1101 aberration - One bad game in four years is an aberration, not a pattern.

1102 accolade - The accolade came with a plaque and a handshake.

1103 affinity - She has an affinity for old engines and can hear a fault.

1104 altercation - The altercation in the parking lot lasted two minutes and settled nothing.

1105 ameliorate - A second coat ameliorated the patchy look.

1106 amicable - The split was amicable; they still share the studio.

1107 anomaly - The reading was an anomaly, so we took it twice more.

1108 appall - The state of the kitchen appalled her.

1109 archaic - The rule is archaic: it mentions horses.

1110 arduous - The arduous climb took nine hours with two rests.

1111 authoritarian - An authoritarian coach and a young team rarely mix well.

1112 aversion - He has an aversion to cold water and will not swim.

1113 biased - The survey was biased: it only asked people already inside.

1114 brevity - The brevity of her answer told us she was done talking.

1115 cajole - She cajoled him into the photo with the promise of cake.

1116 callous - The callous remark about his running was not forgotten.

1117 capitulate - After an hour of arguing, I capitulated and we watched her movie.

1118 catalyst - One good result was the catalyst for a whole season of them.

119 catharsis - Crying at the end of the movie was a kind of catharsis.

120 caustic - His caustic review of the play upset the whole cast.

121 censure - The censure was formal and recorded in the minutes.

122 clamor - There was a clamor for a second showing.

123 coalesce - The separate groups coalesced into one committee.

124 cognizant - Cognizant of the time, she skipped the last slide.

125 commiserate - We commiserated over the score and went for fries.

126 composure - She kept her composure while the microphone failed twice.

127 conciliatory - His conciliatory tone took the heat out of the room.

128 debilitate - The flu debilitated him for two whole weeks.

129 decadence - The decadence of three desserts at one meal was agreed on by all.

130 delineate - The map delineates the boundary field by field.

131 deprecate - She deprecated her own drawing, which everyone else liked.

132 despot - The despot allowed no elections for thirty years.

133 devious - The devious route avoided every traffic light.

134 didactic - The narrator is didactic and keeps stopping to explain the moral.

135 disparage - Do not disparage the old bike; it has done five thousand miles.

136 dissonance - There was a dissonance between what the sign said and what the door did.

137 duplicity - The duplicity came out when both letters were read side by side.

138 edifice - The edifice takes up an entire block and is mostly empty.

139 effervescent - Her effervescent mood carried the whole rehearsal.

140 egregious - An egregious error in the first line spoiled the whole page.

141 equivocal - His equivocal answer could be read either way.

142 erroneous - The erroneous total was out by a hundred.

143 expedient - Taking the van was expedient, if not exactly allowed.

144 extraneous - Cut the extraneous detail and the story moves.

145 frivolous - A frivolous complaint about the font wasted twenty minutes.

146 grueling - A grueling week of rehearsals and then two perfect nights.

147 haphazard - The haphazard stacking is why the boxes fell.

148 heretic - In that century a heretic risked everything by writing it down.

149 hypocrisy - It was hypocrisy to ban phones and then answer his own.

150 iconoclast - The iconoclast questioned every rule the club had.

151 incessant - The incessant dripping kept the whole house awake.

152 incidental - The cost was incidental - a dollar at most.

153 incite - The rumor incited a run on the last tickets.

154 incorrigible - An incorrigible tease, he could not resist one more joke.

155 indict - The grand jury indicted two of the four.

156 indoctrinate - To indoctrinate is to teach a belief and forbid the questions.

157 insurgent - The insurgent group refused the ceasefire terms.

158 intangible - Confidence is intangible but you can see it on the field.

159 judicious - A judicious choice of words kept both sides talking.

160 listless - The heat left the whole class listless by two o'clock.

161 meander - The river meanders across the valley in wide loops.

162 obliterate - The storm obliterated every sandcastle on the beach.

163 ponderous - The ponderous introduction went on for ten pages.

164 prerequisite - A swimming test is a prerequisite for the canoe trip.

165 proximity - The proximity of the station is why the rent is high.

166 rectify - One phone call rectified the double booking.

167 rescind - The committee rescinded the rule at the next meeting.

168 resolution - Her resolution to run daily lasted the whole winter.

169 rigorous - The rigorous checks caught the fault before it shipped.

170 substantiate - Substantiate the claim with a receipt and it will be paid.

171 surmise - From the packed bags I surmised they were leaving early.

172 tirade - The tirade about parking lasted the entire meeting.

173 turbulence - Twenty minutes of turbulence and everybody went quiet.

174 unimpeachable - Her record is unimpeachable: twelve years, no complaints.

175 unobtrusive - The unobtrusive camera in the corner nobody noticed.

176 usurp - The deputy usurped the chair's role for the whole session.

177 vacillate - He vacillated between the two courses until the deadline decided it.

178 whimsical - The whimsical sign said BEWARE OF THE TORTOISE.

179 verbose - The verbose email could have been two lines.

180 abstruse - The abstruse chapter took three readings to make sense of.

181 acrimonious - The acrimonious debate left both sides unhappy for weeks.

182 admonition - His admonition about the ice came ten seconds too late.

183 alacrity - She accepted with alacrity, before he finished the question.

184 ambiguity - The ambiguity in the wording is why two teams turned up.

1185 antipathy - There was a quiet antipathy between the two departments.

1186 ascertain - We could not ascertain who had left the note.

1187 circumspect - Be circumspect about what you promise on the first day.

1188 supposition - Without the second half of the letter it is all supposition.

1189 prodigious - A prodigious amount of rain in April meant a green May.

1190 deleterious - Two nights of no sleep had a deleterious effect on his mood.

1191 disillusion - The tour disillusioned him about the glamour of touring.

1192 dogmatic - His dogmatic view of the rules allowed no exceptions.

1193 eloquent - Her eloquent speech was quoted for weeks afterwards.

1194 ephemeral - The snow was ephemeral; it was gone by ten.

1195 fervent - He is a fervent supporter and knows every player's record.

1196 inexorable - The inexorable tide took the whole sandbar by evening.

1197 trite - The trite ending spoiled an otherwise fine story.

1198 insidious - The insidious leak worked behind the wall for years before anybody saw a stain.

1199 lucid - Her lucid explanation made a difficult idea simple in one minute.

1200 paradigm - The new evidence broke the old paradigm entirely.

Twelfth grade: Word List

Read the word, then the sentence. The child works out what the word means from the sentence, then defines it, explains it, or uses it in a sen

1201 abbreviate - We abbreviated the title because it would not fit on the cover.

1202 abdicate - The chair abdicated halfway through her term and the deputy took over.

1203 abstinence - A month of abstinence from screens after dinner changed his sleep.

1204 adulation - The adulation after one good season did the young player no favors.

1205 adversity - Three injuries in a month was adversity the squad had not planned for.

1206 anachronistic - A typewriter on the desk looked anachronistic beside the laptop.

1207 anecdote - She opened with an anecdote about her first day, and the room relaxed.

1208 asylum - The family was granted asylum after two years of waiting.

1209 camaraderie - The camaraderie on that team outlasted the season by twenty years.

1210 circuitous - The circuitous route added an hour and three nice views.

1211 clairvoyant - He guessed the score exactly, which felt clairvoyant.

1212 condescending - The condescending tone in the reply annoyed the whole department.

1213 conditional - The offer was conditional: she had to pass the test first.

1214 conformist - A conformist crowd is a quiet crowd, and not always a happy one.

1215 congregation - The congregation filled the hall and spilled into the corridor.

1216 convergence - The convergence of the two paths is where the bench is.

1217 demagogue - The demagogue offered simple answers and named somebody to blame.

1218 digression - After a long digression about his car he returned to the point.

1219 discredit - One wrong figure discredited the entire report.

1220 enervating - The enervating heat made the afternoon session pointless.

1221 evanescent - The evanescent light before dawn lasts about ten minutes.

1222 exasperation - There was exasperation in her voice by the fourth phone menu.

1223 extenuating - The extenuating circumstance was that the bus never came.

1224 florid - The florid writing in chapter one puts some readers off.

1225 frugal - Frugal with everything except books, she filled two rooms with them.

1226 hackneyed - "At the end of the day" is hackneyed; find your own phrase.

1227 haughty - The haughty reply made the argument worse.

1228 impute - Do not impute a motive when a mistake explains it.

1229 incompatible - The two plugs are incompatible; you need an adapter.

1230 inconsequential - The difference is inconsequential: one second over ten minutes.

1231 integrity - Her integrity is why people ask her to hold the money.

1232 intrepid - The intrepid crew sailed in weather nobody else would.

1233 intuitive - Her intuitive read of the room saved the meeting.

1234 lobbyist - A lobbyist for the industry sat in on every session.

1235 longevity - The longevity of that recording is remarkable - still selling at fifty.

1236 mundane - After the trip, the mundane routine felt oddly welcome.

1237 opulent - The opulent lobby did not match the plain rooms upstairs.

1238 orator - The orator held four hundred people for fifty minutes.

1239 ostentatious - The ostentatious watch was the only thing anybody mentioned.

1240 parched - Two weeks with no rain left the lawn parched.

1241 perfidious - The perfidious ally in the story switches sides twice.

1242 precocious - A precocious reader, she finished the series at six.

1243 pretentious - The pretentious menu named every farm and no prices.

1244 procrastinate - He procrastinated for a week and then did it in an evening.

1245 prosaic - The prosaic explanation was a loose wire.

1246 prosperity - The town's prosperity arrived with the railway and left with it.

1247 provocative - The provocative headline got attention and lost trust.

1248 querulous - A querulous voice at the back complained about the seats.

1249 rancorous - The rancorous exchange ended a long friendship.

1250 reclusive - The reclusive neighbor has not answered the door in years.

1251 reconciliation - The reconciliation took a long letter and a longer walk.

1252 renovation - The renovation took four months and doubled the light.

1253 restrained - His restrained reaction to the award said more than a speech.

1254 reverence - There was a reverence in the way she handled the old book.

1255 sagacity - The sagacity of the oldest member settled the argument.

1256 spontaneity - The spontaneity of the plan was the best part of it.

1257 spurious - The spurious claim fell apart with one phone call.

1258 submissive - A submissive nod is not the same as agreement.

1259 subtle - The subtle change in the recipe is the salt, not the sugar.

1260 superfluous - The third paragraph is superfluous; the point is already made.

1261 suppress - He suppressed a laugh and it came out as a cough.

1262 surreptitious - A surreptitious glance at the answers is still cheating.

1263 tactful - The tactful thing to say was nothing at all.

1264 transient - The crowd was transient: nobody stayed more than an hour.

1265 venerable - The venerable oak on the green is older than the town hall.

1266 acquiesce - She acquiesced to the change rather than argue it again.

1267 affluent - The affluent side of town has wider streets and older trees.

1268 ambivalence - His ambivalence about the offer lasted until the deadline.

1269 antithesis - Her calm was the antithesis of the chaos around her.

1270 indifference - Indifference, not opposition, is what closes a club.

1271 belie - His steady hands belied how nervous he was.

1272 mercurial - The mercurial spring weather ruined three plans in a week.

1273 circumspection - A little circumspection about the forecast would have saved the day.

1274 cogitate - He cogitated over the letter for two days before replying.

1275 complicity - Saying nothing for a week amounted to complicity.

1276 conflagration - A dropped lantern started a conflagration that took the barn.

1277 consternation - There was consternation when the power went at half-time.

1278 contrite - A contrite note arrived the next morning.

1279 decorum - Out of decorum the music went down when the older members arrived.

1280 denigrate - Do not denigrate the work of the people who came before.

1281 diatribe - The diatribe against the new signs filled half the newsletter.

1282 disparate - Three disparate groups shared the building and never met.

1283 dissuade - Nobody could dissuade her from cycling in that weather.

1284 ebullient - The ebullient crowd sang all the way to the station.

1285 emulation - His emulation of the older players showed in his footwork.

1286 equanimity - She met the bad news with equanimity and made tea.

1287 erudite - The erudite footnotes were longer than the chapter.

1288 esoteric - The esoteric rules of the game take a season to learn.

1289 euphemism - "Between jobs" is a euphemism for unemployed.

1290 exculpate - The timestamped photo exculpated him completely.

1291 garrulous - Our garrulous neighbor can talk for an hour at the gate.

1292 impecunious - The impecunious student ate a lot of rice that year.

1293 inscrutable - His inscrutable expression gave nothing away.

1294 intransigent - The intransigent landlord refused every compromise.

1295 laconic - His laconic reply was one word: "Fine."

1296 magnanimous - It was magnanimous of the winner to praise the loser's game.

1297 obsequious - The obsequious assistant agreed with everything, which helped nobody.

1298 pernicious - The pernicious rumor did its damage before anyone denied it.

1299 pragmatism - Pragmatism won: they fixed the leak and left the paint.

1300 quixotic - His quixotic plan to sail to Ireland in a dinghy stayed a plan.

Answer Key

Kindergarten: Word List

1. higher up than something else
2. later than, or behind
3. the same in some way
4. a living thing that is not a plant or a person
5. to come into view, to show up
6. someone who makes pictures or art
7. the season after summer, when leaves fall
8. a bird's hard mouth
9. to open into a flower
10. not smooth; full of little bumps
11. to break open all at once
12. the sound a bee makes
13. to look after someone, or to mind about something
14. to look at something to make sure it is right
15. a little bit cold
16. a small job you have to do at home
17. to make someone feel better
18. the people who live in one place together
19. a big land with its own name, like the United States
20. with something over the top of it
21. a small bed for a baby that rocks
22. to hang down and swing
23. what you choose to do
24. tastes very good
25. a doctor for your teeth
26. little drops of water on the grass in the morning
27. to go out of sight
28. the part of a dresser that slides out
29. covered in dust
30. the side or end of something
31. a person who grows food or keeps animals

32. being afraid
33. a bug that lights up at night
34. to make something work again
35. a flat foot for swimming, like a seal's
36. soft and light, like a cloud or a kitten
37. to go after someone
38. the fastest way a horse runs
39. soft and careful
40. a little laugh
41. a quick look
42. shiny and smooth
43. to give off a soft light
44. something you are trying to do
45. a sudden strong wind
46. one of two equal parts
47. well, not sick
48. a group of animals together
49. the hard foot of a horse or a cow
50. to have as a part; to let someone join in
51. asking someone to come to something
52. a person long ago who wore armor and rode a horse
53. clothes that need washing, or have just been washed
54. not wanting to work or move
55. when water drips out through a hole
56. a place with lots of books to borrow
57. a place where people buy and sell food
58. to turn from solid to liquid, like ice in the sun
59. very unhappy
60. about four weeks; there are twelve in a year
61. covered in mud
62. a place where interesting things are kept for people to see
63. how fast you walk or go
64. two things that go together

65. able to wait without getting upset
66. quiet and calm
67. how a bird picks at food with its beak
68. a person who flies a plane
69. to decide what to do before you do it
70. with a sharp end
71. having good manners
72. a small lake
73. the leader of a country
74. to keep safe
75. pleased about something you did
76. a contest to see who is fastest
77. to stretch out your arm to get something
78. to rest and stop worrying
79. gone bad, like old fruit
80. shaped like a circle or a ball
81. a line of things side by side
82. to move along on the water in a boat
83. one part of a story or a show
84. to rub hard to get something clean
85. a cool spot out of the sun
86. wobbling; not steady
87. a big boat
88. the land at the edge of the sea or a lake
89. very soft and smooth
90. to go down under the water
91. to slide by accident
92. to breathe in through your nose to smell
93. full of soap
94. to shine with little flashes of light
95. covered in spots
96. to look at something for a long time
97. things you need for a job

98. twisted up in knots
99. the day after today
100. to give one thing and get another

First grade: Word List

101. an exciting trip or thing to do
102. to change something a little to make it right
103. a loud sound that warns you
104. with nobody else
105. to bother someone
106. to say you are sorry
107. wanting to eat
108. clapping
109. to fasten one thing to another
110. looking and listening carefully
111. shy
112. to act the right way
113. to be in the right place, or to be part of a group
114. to use something and give it back
115. a group of things tied together
116. a small wooden house
117. being careful
118. to do something fun for a special day
119. the winner
120. to break the rules to win
121. feeling nice and easy
122. to say you do not like something
123. what happens because of what you did
124. to build
125. clothes you wear to dress up as something
126. warm and comfortable
127. grumpy
128. full of people
129. a line that bends

130. every day
131. to make something look nice
132. very happy
133. to have earned something
134. sad because something did not happen the way you hoped
135. to find something for the first time
136. to move quickly out of the way
137. soaking wet
138. sleepy
139. feeling silly in front of people
140. very, very big
141. the same amount
142. to say something loudly with feeling
143. very tired
144. costs a lot of money
145. to go and look around a new place
146. special and dressed up
147. to close or tie something
148. a big special meal
149. very dirty
150. to run away
151. upset because something is hard
152. to collect together
153. huge
154. happy
155. shining
156. thankful
157. a big smile
158. a low sound you make when you are hurt or unhappy
159. in a bad mood
160. to come out of an egg
161. something you like to do for fun
162. telling the truth

163. a long loud cry, like a wolf
164. to pay no attention to
165. mattering a lot
166. a hurt part of your body
167. in place of something else
168. to look closely to find out
169. wanting what someone else has
170. the person in front who others follow
171. full of energy
172. to make less tight
173. to talk so quietly nobody can hear the words
174. not wide
175. worried and a little scared
176. to take tiny bites
177. to see something
178. to do what you are told
179. completely different, like hot and cold
180. normal, nothing special
181. someone riding in a car, bus or plane
182. something that repeats, like stripes
183. a bug or animal that is a bother
184. to rub until it shines
185. worth a lot
186. to like one thing better than another
187. to make believe
188. to say you will really do something
189. very fast
190. to say or do again
191. to save someone
192. ready to eat
193. not smooth
194. to tell someone they did wrong, in an angry voice
195. a loud high scream

196. a brother or sister
197. with no sound at all
198. to surprise someone suddenly
199. shy and easily scared
200. a small crying sound

Second grade: Word List

201. something bad that happens by mistake
202. to think the same as someone else
203. to surprise someone a lot
204. funny
205. to look at something carefully to understand it
206. to get to a place
207. very fast
208. the study of stars and planets
209. to stay away from
210. a prize
211. knowing about something
212. to keep steady without falling
213. a big sign or flag
214. not covered
215. not afraid to do something hard
216. quiet and not upset
217. the job someone does for a long time
218. what makes something happen
219. to sort things into groups
220. a high steep rock face
221. to gather things together
222. the end, or what you decide after thinking
223. to join together
224. to work together
225. wanting to know
226. something that happens over and over in the same order
227. a little wet

228. could hurt you
229. facts and numbers you collect
230. when the sun comes up
231. to knock down completely
232. to say what something is like
233. a small part of something
234. a drawing that shows how something works
235. the way two things are not the same
236. to throw away
237. to not be sure
238. twelve
239. to fix writing
240. what happens because of something
241. the power to move and do things
242. to get away
243. a careful guess
244. the end of the day, before night
245. moving your body to stay strong
246. a building where things are made
247. known by lots of people
248. to scare
249. an empty space between things
250. a quick breath in when you are surprised
251. to look at something for a long time
252. the pull that makes things fall down
253. wanting more than you need
254. empty inside
255. doing things that help
256. a thought or a plan
257. a small bug with six legs
258. to say something must happen
259. something you play music on
260. to make something new for the first time

261. land with water all around it
262. a tag that says what something is
263. a big jump
264. near where you live
265. sad because you are by yourself
266. something fancy you do not really need
267. to say a little bit about
268. slightly wet
269. needed
270. to watch carefully
271. the huge salty water covering most of the earth
272. what you think about something
273. the top of a mountain
274. to say what will happen before it does
275. the steps for doing something
276. something that shows a thing is true
277. to print a book or story for people to read
278. to bounce back, like light in a mirror
279. to change to make better
280. a story going around that may not be true
281. someone who studies and knows a lot
282. apart; not together
283. to decide, or to get comfortable
284. a safe place out of the weather
285. to shake because you are cold or scared
286. almost the same
287. something you can do well
288. not shaking or moving
289. a small river
290. to hold up or help
291. a tool that makes far-away things look close
292. very small
293. a very tall narrow building

294. something worth a lot, like gold
295. to shake
296. everything there is, all of space
297. to disappear
298. a very small town
299. someone who helps without being paid
300. rich

Third grade: Word List

301. being able to do something
302. to soak up
303. to say someone did something wrong
304. moving around a lot
305. real
306. extra; more
307. to take in as your own
308. something that helps you do better than others
309. what someone tells you would be good to do
310. a strong wish to do something big
311. very, very old
312. to come near
313. to put in order
314. to help
315. how you think and feel about things
316. to pull toward
317. normal; in the middle
318. brave and not shy
319. the edge; the line between two places
320. short
321. very bright, or very smart
322. to catch
323. not careful
324. sure
325. smart in a quick way
326. the usual weather in a place
327. the land next to the sea
328. to say how things are alike and different
329. to admit you did something
330. to think about carefully
331. to hold inside
332. one of the seven huge pieces of land on earth
333. to show how things are different
334. to make someone believe
335. someone who is not brave
336. the people who work on a ship or a team
337. the way a group of people lives
338. something people usually do
339. to rot
340. to protect
341. easily broken
342. to grow and change
343. a tool or machine
344. a sickness
345. far away
346. to float along slowly
347. graceful and fancy
348. to make able
349. in danger of disappearing forever
350. to look at closely
351. something that happened to you
352. wild and strong
353. able to bend
354. lucky
355. weak
356. very angry
357. the main idea
358. to move smoothly
359. happening slowly, bit by bit
360. to hold tightly, or to understand
361. something you do without thinking
362. to copy
363. one single person or thing
364. to figure out from clues
365. smart
366. a long trip

367. as far as something can go
368. to find where something is
369. always on your side
370. wonderful and grand
371. a way of doing something
372. wetness
373. to happen
374. the person you play against
375. a very hard experience
376. where something started
377. how something ends up
378. a part of a book, or a way through
379. to talk someone into something
380. an animal that hunts other animals
381. to stop something from happening
382. a special right
383. the reason for something
384. not found often
385. to know something when you see it
386. to depend on
387. something you say
388. to fix
389. someone who lives in a place
390. in charge of, and to be trusted
391. very silly
392. a plan of when things happen
393. easily hurt or affected
394. a sign that tells you something
395. the answer to a problem
396. to ask lots of people questions
397. a picture that stands for something
398. a great win
399. empty; nobody in it
400. huge in size

Fourth grade: Word List

401. to finish something well
402. exactly right
403. a change that helps a living thing survive
404. to have enough money for
405. watchful and ready
406. a family member from long ago
407. once a year
408. easy to see
409. right for the time and place
410. to go up
411. to try
412. paying close attention
413. clumsy or uncomfortable
414. to put the parts together
415. simple and most important
416. something good you get from something
417. to mix together
418. a hole an animal digs to live in
419. to figure out with numbers
420. able to do something
421. being kept, not free
422. careful to avoid trouble
423. one hundred years
424. to gently talk someone into something
425. a tall post, or a line of things going down
426. to share ideas with words or signs
427. a contest
428. to think hard about one thing
429. to decide after thinking
430. to make sure something is true
431. to mix up
432. quite a lot
433. to give your part
434. very important, or finding fault
435. to get smaller
436. to show how
437. to go down
438. a strong wish
439. causing a lot of damage
440. something terrible that happens
441. to tell a secret
442. to pull attention away
443. to hand out
444. the time when it starts getting dark
445. really wanting to
446. working well
447. to get rid of
448. whole
449. absolutely needed
450. facts that show something is true

451. very unusual and amazing
452. easily broken
453. wild with worry
454. the edge of the known land
455. giving freely
456. something hard to live through
457. very brave
458. not bragging
459. a strong effect
460. to get bigger
461. to point out
462. to tell
463. to make someone want to do something good
464. cannot be seen
465. with sharp uneven edges
466. the most
467. a grassy field
468. the least
469. not showing off
470. good and honorable
471. easy to see or understand
472. a field of fruit trees
473. really excellent
474. strange
475. to allow
476. lots
477. a part
478. the one before
479. to go on
480. sick to your stomach
481. not often
482. to say something is good
483. to make smaller
484. to let go
485. to stand for
486. to ask for
487. to hold out against
488. to show
489. the usual way things are done
490. hard to find; not much of it
491. very bad or strict
492. not deep
493. strong and solid
494. to tell the main points in a few words
495. the top or outside
496. only for a while
497. to put up with
498. a tool for eating or cooking
499. to shake fast
500. very tired

Fifth grade: Word List

501. to end something completely, by law
502. so silly it makes no sense
503. a way to get in or get at something
504. something done well after effort
505. pushy and forceful
506. to take turns, or another choice
507. height above the ground
508. to tell everyone
509. the character who works against the hero
510. a word that means the opposite
511. worried
512. close but not exact
513. reasons given for or against something, or a quarrel
514. a nice smell
515. to take as true without checking
516. to amaze
517. able to be had or used
518. a huge slide of snow down a mountain
519. a big formal meal
520. a drink
521. with little taste
522. a heavy snowstorm with wind
523. quickly and with energy
524. to move a little
525. carefully
526. to stop
527. something hard that tests you
528. a person in a story
529. to say something is true
530. to put together
531. a friend who goes with you
532. caring about someone's suffering
533. to do what is asked
534. to write or make up, like music

535. an idea
536. sure of yourself
537. a fight or disagreement
538. the same every time
539. the words around a word that help explain it
540. to change into something else
541. polite
542. to want badly
543. a formal argument with two sides
544. ten years
545. to say no, or to go down
546. to give yourself fully to something
547. to take away something needed
548. to notice or find
549. to say out loud for someone to write down
550. an official paper
551. to be the strongest or in control
552. an exact copy
553. safe to eat
554. easy, taking no effort
555. to put in danger
556. equal in amount or value
557. to set up
558. to judge how good something is
559. to use effort or force
560. to show, or a display
561. getting bigger
562. well known to you
563. weak
564. very cold
565. huge
566. a hard angry look, or bright light
567. someone who takes care of a child
568. to pause before doing something
569. very funny
570. flat, side to side
571. unfriendly
572. exactly the same
573. to light up
574. very large
575. causing admiration
576. able to do things on your own
577. hard-working
578. the power to change what someone thinks or does
579. to stop something on its way
580. great joy
581. very comfortable and expensive
582. very small
583. the one who tells the story
584. to find the way
585. many
586. no longer used
587. a person walking
588. to relate to
589. easy to carry
590. to keep safe or keep from spoiling
591. the main character
592. can be counted on
593. important
594. a plan for winning
595. the top of a mountain
596. to keep going, or to keep alive
597. so small it does not matter
598. straight up and down
599. strong and full of energy
600. careful because of a possible danger

Sixth grade: Word List

601. to leave behind for good
602. plenty of
603. to make room for
604. to pile up over time
605. to change to fit a new situation
606. enough; good enough
607. right next to
608. to walk slowly and easily
609. loyalty to a group or country
610. plenty
611. great suffering
612. to expect something before it happens
613. clothing
614. worried about what is coming
615. very dry
616. thinking you are better than others
617. an object made by people long ago
618. unable to grow anything

619. a light that guides
620. helpful
621. a silly mistake
622. noisy and rowdy
623. to refuse to buy or use something in protest
624. a heavy load
625. how much something can hold
626. a terrible disaster
627. in time order
628. a society with cities, laws and arts
629. being clear
630. to work together
631. to praise
632. small and packed tight
633. short and to the point
634. to protect from waste
635. easy to notice
636. to make dirty or unsafe
637. a public disagreement
638. easy and handy
639. friendly and polite
640. to grow, or to develop
641. to state firmly
642. a great flood
643. thick; packed close together
644. to use up
645. to get worse
646. hard-working and careful
647. to make or become smaller
648. clearly different
649. variety
650. to live in a place
651. doubtful; not to be relied on
652. strange and a little scary
653. working well without waste
654. detailed and complicated
655. allowed to take part
656. to escape from cleverly
657. to meet unexpectedly
658. to develop slowly over time
659. to make something sound bigger than it is
660. no longer existing
661. fierce and wild
662. useless; will not work
663. real
664. where an animal naturally lives
665. dangerous
666. a trick meant to fool people
667. an idea to be tested
668. to set on fire
669. worth paying attention to
670. clumsy and unskilled
671. sure to happen
672. very clever
673. a new idea or invention
674. to frighten into doing something
675. cheerful
676. free time
677. to stay longer than needed
678. to strongly dislike
679. more than half
680. to control cleverly, often unfairly
681. very little
682. moving from one place to another
683. to copy
684. boring because it never changes
685. something in the way
686. someone who expects good things
687. to say in your own words
688. to treat cruelly because of who someone is
689. to fall fast
690. a difficult situation
691. important and well known
692. to do well
693. not wanting to
694. deep regret
695. determined
696. a safe place
697. not moving
698. coming after
699. can be touched; real
700. everyone agreeing

Seventh grade: Word List

701. to lessen
702. not normal

703. sudden
704. to speed up
705. to admit is true
706. to get
707. to warn or scold gently
708. a connection with a group
709. to claim without proof
710. to set aside for a purpose
711. another choice
712. a change to a law or document
713. with no name given
714. to make someone angry
715. not caring
716. to aim high
717. sharp and clever
718. a quality, or to give credit to
719. real; genuine
720. to turn away or prevent
721. to confuse completely
722. an unfair leaning to one side
723. very obvious
724. cold, empty and hopeless
725. honest and open
726. changing suddenly for no reason
727. relaxed; not formal
728. to describe the qualities of
729. the most exciting point
730. to force
731. able to do the job
732. a part
733. each side gives up something to agree
734. to agree
735. to strongly disapprove
736. to face directly
737. overcrowded
738. the feeling a word carries
739. one after another
740. to ask for advice
741. plenty
742. to match, or to write letters
743. to want what someone else has
744. usual
745. to waste time
746. a first appearance
747. how someone behaves
748. needing someone else
749. insulting
750. very low and hopeless
751. to destroy or overwhelm
752. to eat greedily
753. gloomy
754. to take apart
755. very upset
756. easy to manage
757. to stress as important
758. to put up with over time
759. to hold the attention completely
760. a disease spreading fast
761. to wear away
762. full of energy and joy
763. very hungry
764. to understand
765. a long quarrel
766. a fault
767. impressive and a little frightening
768. with no result
769. to please
770. to argue over a price
771. welcoming
772. fair; not taking sides
773. to slow down or block
774. to beg
775. not believing
776. not caring either way
777. to make very angry
778. to start
779. not related to the matter
780. very generous or luxurious
781. lawful; proper
782. ridiculous
783. size or importance
784. required
785. sad
786. the force of something moving
787. to care for and help grow
788. very unpleasant
789. to leave out
790. to notice or understand
791. to keep going
792. calm and ready

793. to think deeply
794. on time
795. to satisfy thirst or put out a fire
796. without a pattern
797. to move back
798. to give up
799. basic; not developed
800. to look at very closely

Eighth grade: Word List

801. to strongly dislike
802. agreement
803. highly skilled
804. to speak up for
805. quick and light on your feet
806. to give out a share
807. distant and unfriendly
808. having more than one possible meaning
809. wrong
810. a comparison that explains
811. no government; disorder
812. a collection of writings
813. to catch, or to understand
814. passionate
815. able to express clearly
816. to criticize strongly
817. to absorb and become part of
818. something taken as true
819. bold and daring
820. to add to
821. eager and enthusiastic
822. gone wrong
823. mild and pleasant
824. playful teasing talk
825. gentle; not dangerous
826. very strange
827. plentiful
828. roomy
829. to scold
830. to quote as evidence
831. to make clear
832. a fellow worker
833. to honor the memory of
834. to begin
835. a guess
836. careful and thorough
837. to plot together secretly
838. spreads from person to person
839. usual; traditional
840. to carry or communicate
841. to back up with evidence
842. extremely important
843. to reach the highest point
844. to figure out the meaning
845. to strongly disapprove of
846. to show in a picture or words
847. to get from a source
848. empty and bleak
849. to discourage
850. to see or understand clearly
851. scorn; looking down on
852. someone's usual mood
853. lasting a long time
854. odd; unconventional
855. made up of many different kinds
856. to pass, of time
857. the best group
858. to set out on
859. to include
860. an effort; to try hard
861. to improve
862. a mystery
863. a period of history
864. to bring to mind
865. to be an example of
866. to make easier
867. a mistaken belief
868. very picky about details
869. possible to do
870. to lose as a penalty
871. lively, joyful energy
872. to strengthen
873. to encourage the growth of
874. very carefully
875. easily fooled
876. a safe place

877. something that gets in the way
878. about to happen
879. absolutely necessary
880. to begin formally
881. very detailed and complex
882. making a lot of money
883. glowing
884. extremely careful
885. a beginner
886. highly decorated
887. a point of view
888. a remarkable happening
889. of central importance
890. believable
891. exact
892. widespread
893. a young person with amazing talent
894. skilled
895. very deep
896. able to bounce back
897. calm and peaceful
898. long and boring
899. to confirm as true
900. to prove right after doubt

Ninth grade: Word List

901. to clear of blame
902. an opponent
903. to make less severe
904. having mixed feelings
905. strong dislike
906. based on whim, not reason
907. kind and generous
908. frank honesty
909. complete; covering everything
910. believable
911. quick and not thorough
912. someone who believes people act only from self-interest
913. a shortage
914. lacking something needed
915. to take away from
916. to wander off the subject
917. a choice between two hard options
918. disagreement
919. to twist out of shape or truth
920. something that turns attention away
921. great happiness
922. to draw out a response

923. to increase in intensity
924. to make worse
925. a short passage taken from a longer work
926. stated clearly and directly
927. writing that explains
928. to hesitate or stumble
929. to pretend
930. to rise and fall irregularly
931. to plan out carefully
932. to produce
933. supposed; imagined for argument
934. hard to believe
935. something suggested but not stated
936. to suggest without saying
937. something that motivates
938. not making sense
939. lazy
940. famous for something bad
941. to step in on someone's behalf
942. to explain the meaning of
943. to set apart
944. to put at risk
945. to help two sides settle a dispute
946. to embarrass deeply
947. a role or place that suits someone exactly
948. not well known; hard to understand
949. to calm
950. how something is seen or understood
951. relevant
952. a supporter
953. meant as a penalty
954. a friendly, trusting relationship
955. the reasons behind something

956. to make peace, or make consistent
957. not needed; repeated
958. belonging to each separately
959. to strike back
960. to save from loss
961. close examination
962. to imitate the conditions of
963. to waste
964. to give in
965. a method
966. holding on firmly
967. deeply distressing
968. confusion and disorder
969. sound; reasonable
970. to check that something is true
971. able to work
972. easily hurt
973. refusing to be persuaded
974. to do with beauty and how things look
975. showing no interest
976. clear and convincing
977. plain and without comfort
978. to make someone do something by force
979. to gather into one collection
980. to admit something is true
981. to accept or allow behavior that is wrong
982. polite respect
983. to decrease gradually
984. steady careful effort
985. a difference where things should match
986. understanding how somebody else feels
987. so good it sets an example
988. able to make mistakes

989. to hold back
990. there from birth
991. an essential part
992. to step into a situation
993. done in a careful, ordered way
994. a very small difference in meaning
995. more important than anything
996. a difficult situation
997. sensible and careful about the future
998. unwilling to say much
999. only on the surface
1000. food and drink that keeps you going

Tenth grade: Word List

1001. existing as an idea, not a thing
1002. showing great care and persistence
1003. hostile and ready to fight back
1004. to support and strengthen
1005. full of official rules and procedures
1006. to find a way around
1007. an alliance for combined action
1008. sticking together as a whole
1009. happening at the same time
1010. a part of a whole; or a voter
1011. dependent on something else
1012. standards for judging
1013. a great difference
1014. to spread widely
1015. someone who opposes official policy
1016. to turn aside
1017. inactive; asleep
1018. thinking only of oneself
1019. hard to find or catch
1020. to imitate in order to match
1021. fair
1022. to wipe out completely
1023. to cause to be no longer close
1024. to speed up
1025. to invent falsely
1026. happening by lucky chance
1027. done by deception
1028. forbidden by law or custom
1029. acting quickly without thought
1030. out of place
1031. native to a place
1032. done at random, without care
1033. existing as a natural part of
1034. official power to make decisions
1035. not strict enough
1036. failing to take proper care
1037. calm and casual
1038. unaware
1039. well-timed
1040. to be against
1041. a cure for everything
1042. done without care or interest
1043. not securely held; risky
1044. to cause to happen suddenly
1045. to prevent
1046. absurd
1047. a natural tendency
1048. relating to quality, not amount
1049. relating to amount
1050. stubbornly uncooperative
1051. to make up for
1052. to make fresh or young again

1053. to assign to a lower position
1054. looking back on the past
1055. official permission, or a penalty
1056. unplanned
1057. not moving or changing
1058. strict
1059. lower in rank
1060. to support with money
1061. weak; slight
1062. uproar
1063. done by one side only
1064. a fanatic
1065. going in different directions
1066. practical
1067. to exclude from a group
1068. found everywhere
1069. unselfishly concerned for others
1070. based on personal accounts rather than data
1071. worry about what is coming
1072. the freedom to govern yourself
1073. boringly ordinary
1074. too small to cause any trouble
1075. to make the most of
1076. blocking what may be said or printed
1077. clear and logically connected
1078. something bought and sold
1079. too satisfied to keep trying
1080. helping something to happen
1081. general agreement
1082. to limit
1083. hidden; not openly done
1084. to figure out from evidence
1085. to show in a picture or words
1086. to turn away from the usual route
1087. disagreement
1088. based on observation and measurement
1089. to use, often unfairly
1090. to estimate beyond what is known
1091. a ranking from highest to lowest
1092. fairness; taking no side
1093. a conclusion drawn from evidence
1094. a feeling that holds you back
1095. to bind into a whole
1096. to make less severe
1097. well known for something bad
1098. a statement that seems to contradict itself
1099. keeping going despite difficulty
1100. to copy another's work as your own

Eleventh grade: Word List

1101. a departure from what is normal
1102. an award or praise
1103. a natural liking
1104. a noisy argument
1105. to make better
1106. friendly
1107. something that deviates from the norm
1108. to horrify
1109. very old or old-fashioned
1110. requiring great effort
1111. demanding strict obedience
1112. a strong dislike
1113. unfairly prejudiced
1114. shortness
1115. to persuade by flattery
1116. insensitive; cruel
1117. to surrender
1118. something that causes change
1119. a release of strong emotion
1120. sarcastic and biting
1121. strong disapproval
1122. a loud demand or uproar
1123. to come together
1124. aware
1125. to sympathize
1126. calmness
1127. intended to make peace
1128. to weaken
1129. excess and indulgence
1130. to describe precisely
1131. to express disapproval of
1132. a cruel ruler
1133. sneaky, or roundabout
1134. intended to teach, often too much so
1135. to belittle
1136. lack of harmony

1137. deceitfulness
1138. a large building
1139. bubbly; lively
1140. outstandingly bad
1141. ambiguous; evasive
1142. wrong
1143. convenient, if not quite right
1144. irrelevant
1145. not serious
1146. exhausting
1147. random; without plan
1148. one who holds unorthodox views
1149. claiming standards one does not keep
1150. one who challenges cherished beliefs
1151. never stopping
1152. minor; happening by chance
1153. to stir up
1154. not able to be corrected
1155. to formally charge
1156. to teach to accept beliefs uncritically
1157. a rebel
1158. not touchable
1159. showing good judgment
1160. lacking energy
1161. to wander
1162. to destroy completely
1163. slow and heavy
1164. something required beforehand
1165. nearness
1166. to put right
1167. to cancel
1168. a firm decision, or a solution
1169. thorough and strict
1170. to provide evidence for
1171. to guess
1172. a long angry speech
1173. wild disorder
1174. beyond doubt
1175. not conspicuous
1176. to seize wrongfully
1177. to waver
1178. playfully quirky
1179. using too many words
1180. hard to understand
1181. bitter and sharp
1182. a warning or mild scolding
1183. brisk and cheerful willingness
1184. having more than one possible meaning
1185. a deep dislike
1186. to find out for certain
1187. careful and considering the consequences
1188. something assumed without proof
1189. remarkably large
1190. causing damage
1191. to free from a pleasant but false belief
1192. insisting on beliefs as if beyond question
1193. fluent and persuasive
1194. lasting a very short time
1195. showing intense feeling
1196. impossible to stop
1197. overused and lacking freshness
1198. doing damage gradually and unnoticed
1199. clear and easy to follow
1200. a model or pattern of thinking

Twelfth grade: Word List

1201. to shorten
1202. to give up a position of power
1203. going without something by choice
1204. excessive admiration
1205. hardship
1206. belonging to a different time
1207. a short, interesting story
1208. protection given to someone in danger
1209. friendship among a group
1210. roundabout
1211. able to see the future
1212. patronizing
1213. dependent on conditions
1214. one who follows the crowd
1215. a gathering
1216. coming together
1217. a leader who appeals to prejudice
1218. a departure from the main subject
1219. to damage the reputation of
1220. draining of energy

1221. quickly fading
1222. intense irritation
1223. making an offense less serious
1224. elaborately ornate
1225. thrifty
1226. overused; trite
1227. arrogantly superior
1228. to attribute to
1229. unable to exist together
1230. unimportant
1231. honesty and strong principles
1232. fearless
1233. instinctive
1234. one who tries to influence lawmakers
1235. long life
1236. ordinary; dull
1237. luxurious
1238. a skilled public speaker
1239. showy
1240. extremely dry
1241. treacherous
1242. developed early
1243. trying to seem more important than one is
1244. to put off
1245. dull; unimaginative
1246. wealth and success
1247. causing a strong reaction
1248. complaining
1249. bitter
1250. avoiding others
1251. restoring friendly relations
1252. restoring to good condition
1253. controlled
1254. deep respect
1255. wisdom
1256. acting on impulse
1257. false
1258. yielding
1259. delicate; not obvious
1260. unnecessary
1261. to hold back
1262. secret; stealthy
1263. considerate in dealing with others
1264. passing quickly
1265. worthy of respect due to age or wisdom
1266. to accept reluctantly without protest
1267. wealthy
1268. having mixed feelings
1269. the exact opposite
1270. a complete lack of interest
1271. to give a false impression of
1272. changing suddenly and unpredictably
1273. careful attention to consequences
1274. to think deeply
1275. being involved in a wrongdoing
1276. a large destructive fire
1277. anxiety and dismay
1278. genuinely sorry
1279. proper, dignified behavior
1280. to criticize unfairly
1281. a long, bitter speech against something
1282. very different in kind
1283. to talk someone out of something
1284. cheerful and full of energy
1285. copying in order to match
1286. calmness under strain
1287. having or showing great knowledge
1288. understood by only a few
1289. a milder word used for a blunt one
1290. to clear of blame
1291. excessively talkative
1292. having little money
1293. impossible to read
1294. refusing to change position
1295. using very few words
1296. generous towards a rival
1297. excessively eager to please
1298. causing damage gradually
1299. dealing with things practically
1300. unrealistically idealistic