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Grade Level Reading and Academic Language Lists for MHS English Track

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Suggested Grade Level Reading and Academic Vocabulary Lists

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Rationale: Avoid a Learning Gap

- Potential students should take the time to listen to, discuss, and read books. In addition, all incoming students should become familiarized with the BJSMIC essential academic vocabulary word list. By doing so, it can build a prior-knowledge platform vital to success in our program.
- One of the major instructional goals of our English Track program is to build academic language. Our reading and vocabulary grade level list provides students an effective way introduce words and terms needed within elite high schools and also to prepare for the SSAT, TOEFL, and ISEE examinations.
- Mastery over academic language is key to actively participate in challenging academic discussions, demonstrate understanding, and to become distinguished in the classroom by using words not commonly used.

1. 6th Grade Suggested Reading:

Students are encouraged to read at least seven of these suggested texts.

- Jackson, Percy. The Sea of Monsters
- Paulsen, Gary. Brian's Winter
- Paulsen, Gary. Call Me Francis Tucket
- Paulsen, Gary. Hatchet
- Rawls, Wilson. Where the Red Fern Grows
- Patterson, Katherine. Bridge to Terabithia
- Tolkien, J.R.R.. The Hobbit
- Burnett, Frances. Secret Garden
- Babbitt, Natalie. Tuck Everlasting
- Lupica, Mike. Miracle on 49th Street
- Kipling, Rudyard. Just So Stories
- Spinelli, Jerry. Maniac Magee
- Zeman, Ludmila. Gilgamesh the King
- Anderson Christian, Hans. Nightingale
- Yolen, Jane. The Girl Who Loved the Wind
- O'Brien, Robert. Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh
- Lowry, Lois. Number the Stars
- Lowry, Lois. Rabble Starkey
- Rowling, JK. Harry Potter and the Sorcerers Stone
- Marionette, Jake. Just Jake
- Evslin, Bernard. The Adventures of Ulysses
- Rylander, Chris. The Fourth Stall
- Farley, Walter. The Black Stallion
- Alcott, Louise May. Little Women
- Bagnold, Enid. National Velvet
- Grahame, Kenneth. The Wind in the Willows
- Levine, Ella. Enchanted
- Lewis, C.S. The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe
- Gipson, Fred. Old Yeller
- Gaiman, Neil. Coraline
- Burnford, Sheila. The incredible Journey

2. 7th Grade Suggested Reading:

Students are encouraged to read at least eight of these suggested 7th grade level readers.

- Yep, Laurence. Child of the Owl
- Voigt, Cynthia. Dacey's Song
- Rylant, Cynthia. The Islander
- Kipling, Rudyard. Jungle Book
- Conway, Judith. King Kong
- Alcott, Louisa. Little Men
- Zindel, Paul. The Pigman
- Steinbeck, John. The Red Pony
- Paulsen, Gary. The River
- Hinton, S.E.. That Was Then, This is Now.
- Wilder, Ingalls Laura. These Happy Golden Years
- Stevenson, Robert Louis. Treasure Island.
- Riordan, Rick. The Lost Hero
- Montgomery, Maud Lucy. Anne of Green Gables
- Fast, Howard. April Morning
- Snicket, Lemony. The Bad Beginning
- Blumberg, Rhoda. Commodore Perry in the Land of the Shogun
- Konigsburg, E.L. From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankenweiler
- Pullman, Phillip. The Golden Compass
- Blume, Judy. Iggie's House
- Eckert, Allan. Incident at Hawk's Hill
- Richter, Conrad. The Light in the Forest
- Gibson, William. The Miracle Worker
- O'Dell, Scott. Sing Down the Moon

3. 8th Grade Suggested Reading:

Students are encouraged to read at least 9 of these suggested texts.

- **Collier, James.** My Brother Sam is Dead
- **London, Jack.** Call of the Wild
- **Yep, Laurence.** Dragonwings
- **Forbes, Esther.** Johnny Tremain
- **Steinbeck, John.** The Pearl
- **Twain, Mark.** The Prince and the Pauper
- **DuMaurier, Daphne.** Rebecca
- **Knowles, John.** A Separate Peace
- **O'Dell, Scott.** Streams to the River, River to the Sea.
- **Greene, Bette.** Summer of My German Soldier.
- **Clements, Andrew.** Things Not Seen
- **L'Engle, Madeline.** Troubling a Star
- **Spinelli, Jerry.** Wringer
- **Speare, Elizabeth.** The Witch of Blackbird Pond
- **Christie, Agatha.** And Then There Were None.
- **Hobbs, Will.** Bearstone
- **Verne, Jules.** Journey to the Center of the Earth
- **Thurber, James.** My Life and Hard Times
- **Myers, Walter Dean.** Scorpions
- **Blackwood, Gary.** The Shakespeare Stealer
- **Wells, H.G..** The Time Machine
- **Lord, Walter.** A Night to Remember
- **Hinton, S.E.** The Outsiders
- **Zusak, Markus.** The Book Thief
- **Jackson, Phil.** Eleven Rings: The Soul of Success
- **Grisham, John.** The Abduction of Theodore Boone
- **Dionne, Erin.** The Total Tragedy of a Girl Named Hamlet
- **Dashner, James.** The Maze Runner
- **Patterson, James.** I Funny
- **Lu, Marie.** Prodigy: A Legend Novel
- **Roth, Veronica.** Divergent
- **Meyer, Marissa.** Cinder: Book One of the Lunar Chronicles

4. 9th Grade Suggested Reading:

Students are encouraged to read at least 9 of these suggested texts over the summer.

- **Adams, Richard.** Watership Down
- **Laurents Arthur.** Westside Story
- **Hamilton, Edith.** Mythology
- **Virgil.** The Aeneid
- **Homer.** The Illiad
Homer. The Odyssey
- Forester, E.M.** A Passage to India
- Golding, William.** Lord of the Flies.
- Yann, Martel.** Life of Pi
- Mandela, Nelson.** A Long Walk to Freedom
- **Louis, L'Amour.** The Day Breakers
- Bradbury, Ray.** Fahrenheit 451
- **Dickens, Charles.** Great Expectations
- Bronte, Charlotte.** Jane Eyre
- **Steinbeck, John.** Of Mice and Men
- McCaffrey, Ann.** The Dragons of Pern (Dragon Quest)
- **Romeo and Juliet.** William Shakespeare
- **The Taming of the Shrew.** William Shakespeare
- **Rand, Ayn.** Anthem
- **Wallace, Lew.** Ben Hur
- **Dumas, Alexandre.** The Count of Monte Cristo
- McCullers, Carson** The Heart is a Lonely Hunter
- **Wells, H.G.** War of the Worlds
- **Stone, Irving.** The Agony and the Ecstasy
- **Phil brick, Nat.** In the Heart of the Sea
- **Hemingway, Ernest.** The Old Man and the Sea
- **Bernall, Misty.** She Said Yes: The Unlikely Martyrdom of Cassie Bernall
- **Hoff, Benjamin.** The Tao of Pooh
- **Crichton, Michael.** Timeline
- **Abbot, Edwin.** Flatland
- **Smith, Betty.** A Tree Grows in Brooklyn
- Gunther, John.** Death Be Not Proud
- **Weisel, Elie.** Night
- **Stevenson, Robert Louis.** Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

5. Reading Reminders:

- I. Carefully consider selecting books that interest you.
- II. Please ask teachers and adults to aid you in the selection of texts. Just like any art form, literature is often filled with themes and subject matter that might be viewed as objectionable.
- III. SMIC E-track students are encouraged to complete six-9 extensive reading selections each academic year in addition to assigned class reading.
- IV. Your teacher might require book reviews or reading logs.

BJSMIC ACADEMIC WORD LIST OVERVIEW:

- The words are applicable to all subjects.
- Potential students should strive to study the academic words to match the grade level in which they would like to attend.
- The words aid in reading comprehension.
- The words, once mastered, distinguish students in discussion and writing
- The word lists that are compiled will be explicitly taught in the BJSMIC Middle School.
- You can also access the words on-line:
- http://www.wordlywise3000.com/word_lists/ or quizlet.com

6th Grade Vocabulary List:

1. abbreviated

shortened

2.

abet

to accompany or
encourage criminal
behavior

3.

abnormal

out of the ordinary

4.

abridged

shortened version

5.

abstinence

act of refraining

6.

abstract

considered apart from
any material object
remove

7.

accord

agree

8.

accumulate

gather

9.

acidulous

sour

10.

acquiesce

agree without protest

11.

acid

bitter

12.

adept

skillful

13.

adjunct

not essential; extra

14.

administer

to give; to manage

15.

advent

the beginning

16.

aegis

protection

17.

aftermath

consequence of
event(s)

18.

alumni

graduate from a specific
school

19.

amble

walk slowly

20.

amorous

loving

21.

amphibian

type of animal that lives
in both the water and on
land

22.

amputate

to cut off part of a body

23.

annex

addition to something
larger

24.

annotated

explanatory notes

25.

anticlimax

letdown

26.

antipodes

utter opposites

27.

antithesis

complete opposite

28.

appalled

horrified

29.

apparition

English School Suggested Reading List

ghost

30.

appraise

to assess the worth or value

31.

aptitude

natural ability

32.

aqueduct

structure that carries water over long distances

33.

aquiline

curved

34.

arbitrary

determined by chance

35.

assiduous

hardworking

36.

astral

relating to the stars

37.

attest

declare to be true

38.

averse

not wanting to

39.

awl

tool involving leather

40.

badger

to pester

a rodent-like animal

41.

baleful

full of hatred

42.

balk

refuse to proceed

43.

bandy

back and forth

44.

beguile

to deceive by charm

45.

benevolent

good-hearted

46.

betrothed

to be engaged to someone

47.

binocular

of two eyes

48.

bleak

bare and gloomy

49.

budget

plan of income and expenses

50.

buffoon

clown

51.

bulwark

a strong defense

52.

caravan

group of traders that travel together

53.

caries

tooth decay

54.

carnage

bloody and extensive slaughter

55.

census

official population count

56.

chaos

great confusion and disorder

57.

chasten

to correct by punishment or reproof;
to restrain or subdue

58.

chastise

punish severely

English School Suggested Reading List

59.

chicanery

trickery; fraud

60.

choleric

easily and intensely
angered

61.

chronicle

record of historical
events

62.

cleric

clergyman; religious
minister

63.

cloister

an enclosed hallway

64.

coerce

force into doing

65.

combine

synthesize

66.

compassion

sympathy

67.

conifer

cone-shaped seed

68.

conscientious

careful

69.

consecutive

in a regular order

70.

conserve

to save by using
carefully

71.

contagious

spreading rapidly (as a
disease)

72.

contravene

go against

73.

contrite

apologetic

74.

conversant

familiar

75.

copious

large amount

76.

counterfeit

fake

77.

countermand

cancel by giving an
opposite order

78.

craven

lacking courage;
cowardly

79.

credence

assurance and reliability

80.

credulous

gullible

81.

cull

to pick out

82.

data

facts from which
conclusions may be
drawn

83.

decipher

figure out

84.

deem

consider

85.

degrading

causing a loss of self-
respect; humiliating

86.

dehydrate

to take water away from

87.

deity

god

88.

dell

English School Suggested Reading List

a small valley

89.

delta

area where the river
and ocean meet

90.

demean

to put down

91.

demeanor

behavior; bearing

92.

demented

damaged

93.

demise

the death of

94.

denizen

population

95.

detract

take away from

96.

devious

alternate

97.

dialogue

conversation

98.

diction

manner of expression

99.

dilate

to expand

100.

disclaim

warning in order to
avoid responsibility

101.

distend

push out from inside

102.

divulge

reveal

103.

doughty

brave and valiant

104.

dregs

leftover parts

105.

duress

great mental strain

106.

earthy

coarse

107.

eccentric

off-centered

108.

edifying

instructing

109.

efface

erase

110.

elicit

draw forth

111.

elite

superior group with
specific abilities or
qualities

112.

ellipse

oval

113.

ellipsis

omission of words from
text

114.

elocution

the art of speaking
effectively

115.

emanate

to come forth

116.

embellish

to add decorative

117.

enclosure

container

118.

encompass

to surround or include

119.

engrave

carve or cut into
120.

ennui

weariness
121.

ensure

make certain of
122.

envoy

a representative or
messenger; diplomatic
officer
123.

ephemeral

short lived
124.

epistle

letter
125.

epitome

perfect example
126.

eschew

to shun
127.

ethereal

light and delicate
128.

euphoria

a feeling of well-being
129.

evince

to show clearly
130.

ewer

large water pitcher
131.

exact

precise
132.

exemplify

be an example of
133.

exhilarating

invigorating
134.

exorbitant

overpriced
135.

exterminate

destroy
136.

extinguish

put out
137.

extricate

free from struggle
138.

exude

to give off
139.

fabulous

amazing; fantastic
140.

factotum

handyman
141.

fallible

likely to make a mistake
142.

farrier

one who shoes horses
143.

feasible

possible
144.

flaccid

floppy or limp
145.

flay

to remove the skin from
146.

fluent

smooth-flowing
147.

fodder

plants for animals
148.

foretell

to tell before it happens
149.

format

makeup
150.

furor

rage

English School Suggested Reading List

151.

futile

useless

152.

galaxy

group of vast stars

153.

gaudy

showy yet cheap

154.

gauntlet

an armored glove

155.

genius

having great mental abilities

156.

gig

type of boat

type of carriage

type of concert

157.

gingerly

cautiously

158.

gird

encircle

159.

glean

to gather

160.

gloss

to shine

to look over

161.

gorge

narrow canyon

162.

grotto

cave

163.

guile

deceit

164.

gullible

easily tricked

165.

guttural

pertaining or produced to the throat

166.

hackneyed

overused

167.

hazy

unclear (weather)

168.

hemorrhage

bleed heavily or uncontrollably

169.

heretic

person who opposes the teachings of his church

170.

heterodox

person or thing that is not widely accepted

171.

hidebound

narrow-minded and old-fashioned

172.

hilt

sword handle

173.

historic

important in history

174.

humdrum

lacking excitement

175.

hydraulic

operated under pressure

176.

hypothetical

supposed for the sake of argument

177.

idolatry

worship of physical objects as a god

178.

illicit

illegal

179.

illiterate

English School Suggested Reading List

unable to read or write
180.

immaculate

spotless

181.

immobile

not movable

182.

impart

to give and tell

183.

impassive

showing no emotion

184.

impel

drive forward

185.

implication

something suggested

involved

186.

imposter

charlatan

187.

inaugurate

to begin officially
(usually ceremonially)

188.

incarcerate

imprison

189.

incision

cut into

190.

incongruous

distorted

191.

incorrigible

unable to be fixed

192.

inexorable

unable to be stopped

193.

inexplicable

unexplainable

194.

ingenious

clever

195.

insight

thoughts for thoughts

196.

inter

bury

197.

interrogate

question someone

198.

intrepid

fearless

199.

invincible

not able to be defeated

200.

iota

tiny amount

201.

irony

remarks in opposite of
meaning to what is
intended

202.

irrelevant

unimportant

203.

jig

lively dance

device for holding a tool

204.

latent

hidden to be revealed

205.

lateral

side to side

206.

leach

to dissolve and wash
away

207.

lineament

any feature of the body,
usually the face

208.

lissome

supple and graceful

209.

lucrative

profitable

210.

lucre

"dirty" money
211.

lunar

of the moon
212.

magnanimous

generous and
goodhearted
213.

malingerer

one who tricks
themselves into feeling
pain
214.

mannerism

behavioral patterns
215.

martyr

one who dies because
of their religion
216.

masscare

a mass killing
217.

meditate

think deeply
218.

meticulous

thorough
219.

migratory

moving from region to
region
220.

mimic

copy
221.

minimize

to make smaller
222.

misanthrope

one who hates
someone
223.

miscreant

wrong-doer
224.

moccasin

woven leather shoes
thick water snake
225.

myriad

a very large number
226.

nebulous

vague
227.

nominal

existing in name only
small amount
228.

noncommittal

indecisive and indefinite
229.

noxious

harmful
230.

obese

very fat
231.

odometer

instrument to measure
distance covered
232.

odorous

bad-smelling
233.

omniscient

all-knowing
234.

ordnance

weapons of war
235.

osier

made of willow
branches
236.

ottoman

The Turkish Empire
a stool
237.

oust

eject
238.

overseer

person in charge of
supervision

English School Suggested Reading List

239.

pander

offer cheap satisfaction

240.

papyrus

material used to write
on

241.

paramount

of the most importance

242.

paraphernalia

clothing and/or
equipment for a specific
event

243.

pedantic

stressing trivial points of
learning

244.

penance

punishment for sin

245.

pendulous

drooping

246.

pervade

to spread throughout

247.

pestilence

epidemic

248.

pewter

a tin and lead mixture

249.

pious

devoutly religious

250.

pithy

soft, inner-tissue
brief and meaningful

251.

plagiarism

the art of copying

252.

plaudit

praise

253.

plight

difficult situation

254.

porous

full of holes

255.

portage

act of carrying goods
from one body of water
to another

256.

portcullis

iron gating found in a
castle

257.

posterity

future generations

258.

posthumous

occurring after the
death of the originator

259.

prate

to chatter

260.

pretentious

self-important

261.

prevalent

widespread

262.

primitive

early in time

263.

profess

declare

264.

prolific

productive

265.

prone

lying face down
tending to

266.

protege

apprentice

267.

provisional

temporary

268.

prudent

English School Suggested Reading List

careful

269.

pseudonym

false name

270.

pugnacious

aggressive

271.

quail

draw back in fear

272.

rangy

tall and thin

273.

rank

arranged position in
order of importance

274.

rarity

valuable because it is in
small numbers

275.

recoil

spring back

276.

recompense

pay

277.

regimen

regular scheduling

278.

remit

to send

279.

remonstrate

the angry version of
demonstrating

280.

remuneration

payment for work done

281.

replenish

to fill again

282.

reprehensible

shameful

283.

repudiate

reject or deny

284.

reputable

excellent

285.

rescind

to take back; cancel

286.

restitution

restoration of something lost or
stolen to its proper owner

resurgent

rising again

288.

reverent

deeply respectful

289.

rigorous

harsh: severe

290.

rime

frozen mist

291.

roisterer

person that celebrates
noisily

292.

rote

memorized unthinkingly

293.

sage

wise person

type of herb

294.

saline

salty

295.

sanctum

sacred or holy place

296.

satiety

feeling of fullness

297.

saturate

completely filled

298.

scribe

one who writes down
important things

299.

secede

English School Suggested Reading List

go away from

300.

sedate

calm

301.

senile

old and frail

302.

sensuous

appealing to the senses

303.

sepulcher

tomb; burial place

304.

sere

withered

305.

silo

a tower for storing food
(usually on a farm)

306.

simile

directly expressed
comparisons

307.

sinister

evil

left-handed

308.

skimp

to sparingly withhold

309.

sleazy

poor behavior

310.

snub

short

311.

solar

of the sun

312.

spasm

involuntary contraction

313.

spawn

generate or produce

314.

specific

in depth

315.

specify

identify clearly

316.

squeamish

easily shocked

317.

stalwart

sturdy

318.

stenographer

a shorthand typist

319.

stilted

artificially stiff or formal
in manner

320.

stipulate

specify terms and
conditions

321.

suave

gracious and self-
assured

322.

surplus

more than what is
needed

323.

surreptitious

stealthy; sly

324.

sustenance

nourishment;
necessities of life

325.

symbol

an item that is
representative of
something

326.

synthesis

combination

327.

synthetic

fake

328.

taboo

a restriction

329.

tacit

unspoken
330.

tangible

able to be touched
physically and mentally
331.

tempo

rate of activity
332.

temporal

pertaining to time
333.

tenacious

gripping firmly
334.

tenuous

weak
335.

testimony

word spoken under oath
(in court)
336.

textile

woven fabric
337.

thwart

prevent or throw off
338.

titanic

enormous
339.

titillate

to excite
340.

toga

robe
341.

tonic

medicinal beverage
342.

torpid

lazy
343.

totalitarian

a political system in
which a person has sole
control of the
government
344.

tourniquet

method of stopping
blood flow
345.

tractable

easily manageable
346.

trait

a characteristic
transferred by
generation
347.

trance

sleep-like state
348.

transcribe

moved into a written
copy
349.

transient

always moving
350.

transpose

change the order with a
specific pattern
351.

treatise

article treating a subject
systematically and
thoroughly
352.

triad

group of three
353.

tribunal

court of justice
354.

turgid

swollen
355.

umbrage

offense
356.

unassuming

modest
357.

uncouth

lacking good manners
358.

undoing

English School Suggested Reading List

moment that unravels
further events

359.

undulate

move in a snaky pattern

360.

usury

the process of lending
money on a high
interests

361.

vehement

intense and passionate

362.

veneer

a thin outer layer

363.

vigilante

person who takes the
law into their own hands

364.

vindictive

revengeful

365.

virulent

highly infectious and
hateful

366.

void

empty

367.

vouch

to stand up for

368.

wend

to follow a series of
curves and turns.

369.

wraith

ghost-like figure

370.

writ

writing or document

371.

wry

dry humor

372.

yokel

dumb hillbilly

373.

zone

an area that has a
specific sort of purpose,
use, or subject to
particular descriptions

7th Grade Vocabulary List:

abate

To become weaker; to decrease

2.

abduct

To carry away by force; to kidnap

3.

abode

The place where one lives; home

4.

abyss

A deep opening in the earth

5.

acclaim

v. To praise strongly or applaud loudly.

n. Strong praise or loud applause; approval.

6.

acknowledge

to admit the existence of
to express recognition for

7.

acquire

v. To gain ownership of something; to get by one's own efforts or actions.

8.

Acrid

adj. Sharp, irritating, or bitter to the sense of taste or smell.

9.

Addict

n. A person with a very strong desire for something that is habit-forming and sometimes harmful.

2. A person who is a very enthusiastic fan. (Bonk.io)

10.

adequate

adj. Enough; sufficient.

11.

administer

v. 1. To manage or direct.

2. To give out as treatment or assistance.

12.

admonish

v. 1. To warn.

2. To criticize gently.

13.

Adverse

adj. Harmful; unfavorable

14.

agent

a person who acts or does business for another something that brings out a result

15.

aghast

adj. Struck with horror; shocked.

16.

agitate

v. 1. To disturb or upset.

2. To move with an irregular, fast, or violent action.

3. To stir up interest in and support for a cause.

17.

allege

v. To state as a fact but without offering proof.

18.

Aloof

adj. Remote or distant, usually by choice; showing no interest

19.

Alternative

n. A choice between two or more things

20.

annihilate

v. To destroy completely; to reduce to utter ruin.

21.

antagonize

v. To make an enemy of; to stir up anger or dislike.

22.

Apathy

n. A lack of interest or concern.

23.

appoint

v. 1. To choose for an office or position.
2. To set or decide upon.

24.

Aquatic

adj. 1. Growing or living in or on water.
2. Done in or upon water.

25.

arbitrate

To settle a disagreement between to parties by having a third party make a decision

26.

arduous

adj. Requiring much effort; very difficult.

27.

Aspire

v. To have a strong desire to get or do something; to seek.

28.

assent

v. To give one's consent; to agree.
n. An act of agreeing or acceptance.

29.

Assert

v. To say firmly; to declare.

30.

Astute

adj. Wise in a clever or practical way.

31.

attribute

To think of as coming from or belonging to a particular person or thing

32.

Authentic

adj. Genuine: true.

33.

authority

the right to give orders, make decisions, or take action
an expert source of information

34.

Avert

v. 1. To turn away.
2. To keep from happening.

35.

Badger

v. To keep bothering.
n. A strongly built, burrowing mammal common in many northern parts of the world.

36.

ballast

Heavy material used to make a ship steady or control the rising and falling of a vessel like a balloon

37.

benefactor

n. A person who provides help, especially by giving money.

38.

Beseech

v. To ask earnestly; to beg.

39.

bestow

v. To give as an honor; to present as a gift.

40.

Bias

n. A preference that prevents one from being impartial; prejudice.

v. To cause someone to have prejudice; to influence.

41.

bigot

n. One who is not tolerant of those people who are different in some way; a prejudiced person.

42.

Blatant

adj. Very obvious in an offensive or shameless way.

43.

Bleak

adj. 1. Without much hope.

2. Cold and dreary; exposed to cold winds and bad weather.

44.

Blithe

adj. 1. Cheerful; carefree.

2. Not showing proper care; heedless.

45.

bounty

n. 1. A payment made as a reward, especially one made by the authorities.

2. That which is given freely, by nature or a generous person.

46.

buoyant

Able to float or cheerful and carefree

47.

camouflage

n. 1. The hiding of something as a result of its appearance.

2. Something used as a cover or disguise.

v. To hide or conceal, especially by disguising the appearance of.

48.

Candid

adj. Expressed honestly and without holding back unpleasant truths.

49.

Canine

adj. Of, or relating to, dogs or related animals

50.

canny

adj. Shrewd and careful; watchful of one's ownership.

51.

capitulate

v. To give in; to surrender.

52.

capricious

Likely to change quickly for no obvious reason

53.

Casualty

n. A person killed or injured in a war or accident.

54.

citrus

n. 1. A fruit of the family that includes oranges, lemons, grapefruits, and limes.

2. A tree that produces these fruits.

adj. Of or relating to these fruits or trees.

55.

clamber

To climb awkwardly

56.

climax

n. The highest point; the greatest moment or event.

57.

Compel

v. To force or require to do something.

58.

competent

adj. Having the ability to do what is needed.

59.

complement

- n. 1. Something that completes or makes perfect.
2. The number or amount that makes up a whole.
v. To bring to completion or perfection.

60.

component

- n. Any of the more important parts of a whole.
adj. Contributing to form a whole.

61.

comprise

- v. 1. To form; to make up.
2. To consist of or include.

62.

compromise

To settle a disagreement by having each side give up something

63.

Compulsory

adj. Required by law or a firm rule

64.

conclusive

adj. Putting an end to doubt; convincing.

65.

concur

v. To be in agreement.

66.

Confront

- v. 1. To stand up to; to face boldly.
2. To put or bring face to face.

67.

Congested

- adj. 1. Overcrowded; filled too full.
2. Filled with fluid.

68.

conjure

- v. 1. To call forth by magic, or as if by magic.
2. (with up) To bring to mind; to recall or evoke.

69.

Consecutive

adj. Following one after another in order

70.

Consternation

n. Amazement or fear that makes one feel confused.

71.

consult

v. 1. To seek information or advice.

2. To talk things over in order to reach a decision.

72.

Cope

v. To manage problems or difficulties successfully.

73.

correspond

- v. 1. To match; to be equal to.
2. To exchange letters with another person.

74.

counterpart

n. A person or thing that is similar to another.

75.

covet

v. To have a strong and envious desire for, especially for something belonging to another.

76.

Debut

n. A first public appearance.

v. To make a first public appearance.

77.

deceased

adj. Dead.

n. (with the) One who has died recently.

78.

Delectable

adj. Pleasing to the senses, especially to the sense of taste; delicious.

79.

Delicacy

n. a choice item of food.

80.

Delude

v. To mislead; to deceive.

81.

Deplore

v. 1. To feel or express sorrow or regret.

2. To disapprove of strongly.

82.

Derelict

adj. 1. Dilapidated and abandoned.

2. Lacking a sense of duty; neglectful.

n. A poor, homeless person.

83.

Derogatory

adj. Expressing a low opinion; intended to hurt the reputation of a person or thing.

84.

Desolate

adj. Deserted; lonely, without signs of life

85.

detach

To separate from or lacking concern or not taking sides

86.

Detriment

n. 1. Damage or harm.
2. Anything that causes harm.

87.

devastate

To ruin or destroy completely.

88.

devious

adj. 1. Having many twists and turns; winding.

2. Sneaky; not frank or honest.

89.

devoid

adj. Lacking; empty; entirely without.

90.

Devour

v. To eat hungrily. To take in eagerly with the eyes or ears .

91.

devout

Very religious

92.

dilapidated

adj. In poor condition from neglect or age.

93.

dismal

adj. 1. Dark or extremely gloomy.
2. Causing misery or sadness; depressing.

94.

Dispatch

v. To kill quickly

95.

disrupt

v. 1. To break up the orderly course of.

2. To interrupt; to bring to a temporary halt.

96.

dissuade

v. To prevent or discourage someone from doing something.

97.

Distinction

n. Special honor or regard

98.

distraught

Deeply disturbed; very troubled

99.

Diversity

n. 1. The condition of being different or having differences.

2. Variety.

100.

Docile

adj. Well behaved; easy to handle.

101.

Dumbfound

v. To make speechless with amazement.

102.

Dwindle

v. To keep on becoming less; to grow smaller in number or amount.

103.

ebb

v. 1. To recede, fall back, or pull away from.

2. To fall to a lower level or weaker state; to dwindle.

n. The passing to a lower level or weaker state.

104.

eerie

Causing uneasiness or strange or mysterious

105.

Emit

v. 1. To give off or send out.

2. To utter or express.

106.

emphasize

v. To give special attention to; to stress.

107.

endorse

v. To approve of; to support.

108.

Endure

v. To put up with; to bear

109.

enlighten

To inform or instruct; to give knowledge or truth to

110.

Enroll

v. To sign up to become a member of some group or activity; to register.

111.

Ensure

v. To follow; to come as a result of or at a later time.

112.

enthrall

v. To hold the attention of as though under a spell.

113.

epidemic

The rapid spreading of a disease to many people at one time. Spreading rapidly as a disease over a wide area.

114.

Era

n. A particular period in history.

115.

estimate

A number that is not exact; a careful guess. To figure out roughly; to make an approximate calculation.

116.

evict

To force out of property by taking legal action.

117.

exotic

adj. Fascinating because of being very different from the ordinary.

118.

exuberant

adj. Happy and excited; bubbling over the enthusiasm.

119.

fathom

A length of six feet or to figure out

120.

Figment

n. Something that is made up in the mind, but has no connection to reality

121.

flabbergast

v. To surprise so greatly that one is speechless; to amaze.

122.

Flourish

v. 1. To thrive or prosper.

2. To wave in the air.

n. 1. A sweeping motion.

2. A showy burst of music.

3. A fancy line or curve added to something written.

123.

Fluctuate

v. To rise and fall; to keep changing

124.

Fluster

v. To make nervous, embarrassed, or confused.

125.

forage

v. To search for food or supplies.

n. Food such as hay or grain for farm animals.

126.

formidable

adj. 1. Causing fear or apprehension.

2. Difficult.

127.

Foster

v. To promote the growth of; to encourage.

adj. Giving or receiving care in a family that is not related by birth or adoption.

128.

Garland

n. A wreath or chain of leaves and flowers.

129.

Garrison

n. 1. Soldiers stationed in a place to protect it.

2. A military place of protection, together with its soldiers and weapons.

v. To provide soldiers with a place to live.

130.

ghetto

n. A section of a city occupied by a minority group of people, usually because of poverty or social pressure.

131.

Gratify

v. 1. To please or satisfy.

2. To give in to what is wanted or requested.

132.

Grievous

adj. Causing grief or pain; hard to bear.

133.

Grueling

adj. Tiring; exhausting

134.

haggle

v. To argue about, especially about the price of something.

135.

harass

v. 1. To trouble or annoy by attacking repeatedly.

2. To cause to become worried or weary.

136.

Haughty

adj. Showing too much pride in oneself and scorn or contempt for others.

137.

Headlong

adj. With great speed or force; reckless.

adv. Recklessly; without time for careful thought.

138.

heed

v. To pay attention to.
n. Attention; notice.

139.

Hoard

v. To save and put away, especially secretly.
n. Anything put away in such a manner.

140.

homage

n. Honor or respect shown in publicity.

141.

hovel

n. An unpleasant, cramped, and dilapidated place to live.

142.

Hurtle

v. To move with great force and speed.

143.

illiterate

adj. Unable to read or write.

144.

illustrious

adj. Very famous; outstanding.

145.

impartial

Not favoring one side more than another; fair.

146.

Impede

v. To get in the way of; to interfere with the movement of.

147.

Impetuous

adj. Inclined to act without thinking; hasty.

148.

impromptu

adj. Unplanned.

adv. Without preparation.

149.

Impunity

n. Freedom from being harmed or punished.

150.

Inanimate

adj. Lacking qualities associated with living things.

151.

Incentive

n. Something that makes a person want to try or work harder.

152.

incident

n. Something that happens in real life or in

a story; an event, often of little importance.

153.

incline

To slope or lean

154.

incredulous

adj. 1. Doubtful; skeptical.

2. Showing disbelief.

155.

indifferent

adj. 1. Not concerned about; not caring.

2. Neither very good nor very bad; passable.

156.

industrious

Hardworking; not lazy.

157.

Inevitable

adj. Bound to happen; unavoidable.

158.

infuriate

To make very angry.

159.

inherit

v. 1. To receive something from someone after that person's death.

2. To receive, as part of one's physical or mental

make-up, from one's parents.

160.

Initiate

v. 1. To put into effect; to bring into use.

2. To take in as a member.

161.

insulate

v. To cover with a material that keeps electricity, heat, or sound from escaping.

162.

Intensify

v. To increase; to strengthen or deepen.

163.

intervene

To enter in order to help or settle something

164.

Intimidate

v. To frighten, especially by threatening someone.

165.

intrepid

adj. Feeling or showing no fear; brave; courageous.

166.

Inundate

v. 1. To cover, as with water from a flood.

2. To load with an excessive amount or number of something.

167.

Invincible

adj. Impossible to defeat.

168.

Irate

adj. Very angry; furious.

169.

irrelevant

Having nothing to do with the subject.

170.

kindle

v. To start burning.

171.

latitude

n. 1. The distance north or south of the equator, measured in degrees.

2. A region as marked by its distance from the equator.

3. Freedom from strict rules.

172.

Lavish

adj. 1. Much more than enough.

2. Very costly.

v. To give freely or generously.

173.

Lax

adj. 1. Not strictly enforced; undemanding; careless.

2. Not tight; loose.

174.

legendary

adj. 1. Well-known; famous and much talked about over a long period of time.

2. Relating to a story (usually untrue) handed down from the past.

175.

Lethal

adj. Causing, or capable of causing, death.

176.

lethargic

adj. Slow moving; sleepy or tired.

177.

loath

adj. Unwilling; reluctant.

178.

lucrative

adj. Producing wealth or profit.

179.

lurk

v. To prowl or lie hidden; as though about to attack.

180.

lush

adj. Marked by richness of growth, especially of vegetation.

181.

maintain

- v. 1. To declare something to be true.
2. To continue in the same way or condition.
3. To keep in good condition.

182.

maneuver

- n. 1. A planned military movement.
2. A skillful move or clever trick.

- v. 1. To perform military movements with.
2. To move or manage in a skillful way.

183.

Maul

- v. To handle roughly so as to cause injury

184.

medley

- n. 1. A mixture of often unrelated things.
2. A selection of music from various sources, played as one piece.

185.

menagerie

n. A collection of animals kept in cages for showing to the public.

186.

menial

adj. Of or relating to low-level, humble work.

187.

mentor

n. A wise and loyal friend and adviser.

188.

momentous

adj. Very important.

189.

Monitor

- v. To watch closely and frequently; to observe and make note.

n. A video screen used to display information.

190.

mortal

n. A human being, especially as contrasted with a god.

- adj. 1. Of or relating to human beings.
2. Causing death; fatal.
3. Very severe.

191.

mottled

adj. Marked with different colored patches or blotches.

192.

murky

adj. Dark; gloomy.

193.

muse

v. To think about in a quiet, careful way.

194.

Mutilate

v. To hurt or damage by cutting into, cutting off, or cutting out.

195.

Mythical

adj. Imaginary; not real.

196.

naive

- adj. 1. Inexperienced; ready to accept without analyzing.
2. Simple in a childlike way; innocent.

197.

necessity

Anything that cannot be done without or that is greatly needed

198.

Negligent

adj. Failing to take proper care of or to give proper attention to.

199.

Nimble

adj. 1. Able to move quickly and easily.

2. Showing quickness of thinking; clever.

200.

Nomad

n. A member of a group that settles briefly in one place and then moves on to another.

201.

oblige

v. 1. To require someone to do something for legal, social, or moral reasons.

2. To earn the gratitude of.

3. To do a favor for.

202.

Obnoxious

adj. Very unpleasant; disgusting.

203.

obsession

n. A interest, idea, or feeling the fills one's mind and leaves little room for anything else.

204.

Omen

n. An event or sign that is believed to indicate the future.

205.

oppress

v. 1. To weigh down with worry.

2. To keep down by severe and unjust use of force.

206.

orbit

The path taken by an object around a heavenly body such as a star, planet, or moon

207.

overwhelm

v. 1. To defeat utterly and completely.

2. To deeply affect the mind or emotions of.

3. To upset; to turn over.

208.

pander

v. To give or promise what is wanted in order to please someone.

209.

Participate

v. To take part in

210.

perceive

v. 1. To become aware of through the senses, especially the sense of sight.

2. To take in information through the mind.

211.

permanent

adj. Lasting or expected to last for a long time.

212.

personable

adj. Pleasing in manner and appearance.

213.

perturb

v. To make uneasy; to upset greatly.

214.

pioneer

n. A person who goes before others and opens the way for them to follow.

v. To open the way for others.

215.

pique

To arouse or excite or a feeling of resentment caused by being ignored, insulted, etc.

216.

Placate

v. To stop from being angry; to calm.

217.

plague

n. 1. A deadly disease that spreads rapidly from person to person.

2. Anything that causes destruction or suffering.

v. To cause suffering or distress.

218.

plausible

adj. Seeming to be true but not necessarily so.

219.

Plight

n. A difficult or dangerous condition or situation.

220.

Pluck

v. 1. To pull off or out; to pick.

2. To remove the feathers from.

3. To pull at and let go.

n. Courage; bravery.

221.

Plumage

n. A birds feathers.

222.

Ponder

v. To think about; to consider carefully.

223.

Ponderous

adj. Heavy and slow moving.

224.

precise

Exact; accurate.

225.

Predatory

adj. Living by killing or eating other animals.

226.

premiere

n. The first performance of a play, film, etc.

227.

preposterous

adj. Too absurd to be believed; ridiculous.

228.

pretentious

adj. Drawing undeserved or inappropriate attention to oneself; showy.

229.

Principal

adj. Most important.

n. 1. A person or thing that is of the greatest importance.

2. The head of a school.

3. The sum of money owed, not including the interest.

230.

Prior

adj. Coming earlier in time. Coming before in order to obtain.

231.

Privilege

n. A special favor, right, or advantage given to a person or group.

232.

probe

To poke or prod or to examine closely or a thorough investigation

233.

procure

v. To get by making an effort; to obtain.

234.

proficient

adj. Able to do something very well; skillful.

235.

prospective

adj. Expected or likely to happen or become.

236.

Prostrate

adj. 1. Lying flat.

2. Lying facedown, especially to show respect.

3. Completely overcome; weak and helpless.

237.

prowess

n. Great skill or ability.

238.

proximity

n. The state of being close or next to; nearness.

239.

Rapture

n. A state of great joy, delight, or love.

240.

realize

To be aware of

241.

Recede

v. 1. To move back or to drop to a lower level.

2. To become fainter.

242.

receptive

adj. Ready and able to receive ideas or suggestions.

243.

renovate

v. To make like new again.

244.

replenish

v. To fill up again.

245.

reprimand

v. To scold in a harsh or formal manner.

n. A strong scolding from someone in authority.

(This is definitely China)

246.

repudiate

v. To refuse to support; to reject.

247.

resolve

v. 1. To make a firm promise to oneself.

2. To solve.

n. A fixed purpose or intention.

248.

respite

n. A period of rest; a pause.

249.

Retort

v. To answer, especially in a quick or clever way.

n. A quick or clever reply.

250.

Revelry

n. Noisy merrymaking.

251.

Robust

adj. Strong and vigorous

252.

rupture

To split or break or a breaking or tearing apart by force

253.

rustic

adj. 1. Of or relating to country life or people.

2. Lacking elegance or polish.

n. A country person, especially one thought of as simple or crude.

254.

Ruthless

adj. Showing no mercy; pitiless.

255.

sacred

Holy; having to do with religion

256.

Sacrifice

n. 1. Something given up for the sake of another.

2. An offering to a god.

v. 1. To give up something for another.

2. To offer something of value to a god.

257.

scanty

adj. Not enough or just barely enough; small in size or amount.

258.

Scavenge

v. To search through or pick over, looking for something usable.

259.

scrupulous

adj. 1. Marked by close attention to the smallest detail.

2. Acting in a correct and honest manner.

260.

sham

Something fake or false. Not genuine; fake.

To pretend.

261.

signify

v. 1. To be a sign of; to mean.

2. To make known or clear.

262.

Slaughter

v. To kill in order to obtain meat.

263.

sleek

adj. 1. Smooth and glossy.

2. Having slender, graceful lines.

264.

Smolder

v. 1. To burn slowly without bursting into flames.

2. To exist in a hidden state before bursting into the open.

265.

Solitude

n. The condition of being alone or at some distance from people.

266.

sovereign

adj. 1. Highest; chief.

2. Not controlled by others.

n. A king or queen; a monarch.

267.

Species

n. A group of plants or animals that are similar in some ways.

268.

sphere

An object with all points on its surface equally distant from its center or an area of power, influence, or activity

269.

spurn

v. To refuse in a scornful way.

270.

staunch

adj. Faithful; true; strong.

271.

Stint

n. 1. A period of time devoted to a job or some task.

2. A limit or restriction.

v. To limit or restrict.

272.

strait

n. A narrow body of water connecting two larger ones.

273.

strenuous

adj. 1. Needing much effort; using a lot of energy.

2. Very active; vigorous.

274.

Stringent

adj. Strict; severe.

275.

submerge

To go underwater

276.

subside

v. 1. To sink to a lower level.

2. To become quieter or less active.

277.

subtle

adj. 1. So slight as to be not easily seen or understood.

2. Able to understand fine shades of meaning.

278.

supervise

v. To direct or manage activities.

279.

tedious

Seeming to go on for a long time or boredom

280.

theme

n. 1. A dominant idea, as in art, literature, or music; a topic or subject of.

2. A short essay on a single subject.

3. A series of musical notes on which variations are made; a melody that is associated with a film or television show.

281.

Throng

n. A large number of people gathered together; a crowd.

v. To gather or move in large numbers.

282.

toil

v. 1. To work long and hard.

2. To make one's way with difficulty.

n. Hard and tiring labor.

283.

Toxic

adj. Causing harm; poisonous.

284.

trek

A long, slow, and difficult journey.

To travel slowly and with difficulty.

285.

trifling

adj. Of little value, importance, or meaning.

286.

ultimate

Final or the greatest possible

287.

Ungainly

adj. Moving in a clumsy or awkward way.

288.

unscathed

Completely unharmed

289.

unwitting

adj. Not done on purpose; unintended.

290.

urgent

adj. Needing quick action or attention.

291.

Verge

n. An edge, border, or brink.

v. To come close to the edge or border of.

292.

Vigilant

adj. Watchful; ready for danger.

293.

vocation

n. A person's employment; occupation.

294.

Vulnerable

adj. Open to attack; easily injured physically or emotionally

295.

warble

v. To sing in a melodious manner.

296.

wary

adj. On one's guard; watchful; suspicious.

297.

wean

v. 1. To cause to stop depending on a mother's milk for nourishment.

2. To detach from something one has grown accustomed to.

298.

Whim

n. A sudden wish to do something without a

particular reason; a
fanciful idea.

299.

wrath

n. Forceful anger; fury.

300.

zest

n. Great enjoyment;
excitement.

8th Grade Vocabulary List:

1.

abet

To encourage or assist in some activity, especially a questionable one.

2.

abhor

v. to shrink from in disgust; to detest.

3.

abject

Most miserable; wretched.

4.

abrasion

1. a wearing away or rubbing away by friction
2. a scarped or work area
3. harsh or rough in manner; irritating

5.

accede

to take on the duties of one

6.

Accord

Harmony

7.

adept

Highly skilled; expert

8.

advocate

To plead in favor of; to defend.

or

One who argues for or defends a person, group, or idea.

9.

affable

adj. pleasant; approachable; gracious.
n. friendliness of manner.

10.

Affirm

Be sure of

11.

affluent

wealthy

12.

agile

Able to move quickly and easily; nimble.

or

Able to think quickly.

13.

alienate

1. to cause to feel unfriendly where friendliness once existed

2. to cause to feel alone and cut off from

14.

alleviate

v. To relieve or make more bearable.

15.

allot

To assign or distribute as a portion or share.

16.

amiss

adv. in wrong or imperfect way. adj. out of order; wrong.

17.

anarchy

total absence of government; lack of order; chaos

18.

anonymous

of an unknown source or unrevealed name

19.

anthology

collection of various writings such as songs stories or poems

20.

antidote

n. A remedy that relieves the effects of poison; Anything that offers relief from an undesirable condition.

21.

aperture

opening

22.

apprehend (verb)

to arrest; seize

23.

arbitrary

determined by chance
or impulse

24.

ardent

passionate

25.

arraign (verb)

to bring before the court
to face charges

26.

artisan

a craftsman

27.

ascertain

v. to find out for certain

28.

assail

attack violently

29.

asset

anything owned that is
valuable and can be
sold OR quality can be
used to your advantage

30.

assimilate (verb)

to absorb into a culture

31.

atrocious

An act of great cruelty
and wickedness.

or

Very brutal, wicked, or
cruel.

32.

audacious

daring; willing to take
risks

33.

audible

Capable of being heard

34.

augment

To increase in size,
amount, or degree

35.

avid

1. Having a strong
desire for, to the point of
greed 2. eager;
enthusiastic

36.

azure

The blue color of a
cloudless sky

37.

balmy

Soothing, mild.

38.

banter

To exchange playful,
teasing remarks

OR

Light, playful
conversation

39.

barter

exchange goods or
services without money

40.

bedlam

n. A very confused and
noisy scene.

41.

benign

Kind; gracious; gentle
OR Favorable; not
threatening

42.

Bequeath

To pass on

43.

bizarre (adjective)

strikingly out of the
ordinary; peculiar or
weird

44.

bonanza

source of great wealth

45.

brusque

abrupt in manner or
speech; gruff

46.

bulwark

1) a wall-like structure used as a defense OR
2) a person or thing that protects or defends

47.

cache

hiding place

48.

cajole

v. To urge with gentle and repeated requests; to coax.

49.

calamity (noun)

a disaster; an event causing great suffering and harm

50.

capacious

Able to hold a large amount; roomy

51.

chastise

v. 1. to punish by beating 2. to rebuke or criticize severely

52.

Citadel

Fortress

53.

clad

clothed or covered

54.

claustrophobia

noun - an abnormal fear of narrow, enclosed spaces

55.

colleague

noun - An associate or coworker of similar status.

56.

combustible

catches on fire

57.

commemorate

To serve as a memorial to; to remember in a solemn manner

58.

concise

short and to the point

59.

condescend

verb - To lower oneself to a position one considers inferior OR

verb - To behave in an offensively superior manner.

OR

adj (condescending) - Showing an offensively superior manner.

60.

Confer

To grant/give/talk to

61.

confiscate

to take by force

62.

congenial

adj. 1. getting along well with others; affable 2. suited to one's needs or tastes; agreeable

63.

congregate

To come together in a group, assemble.

64.

conjecture

a conclusion based on guesswork or insufficient evidence

65.

connoisseur

A person with extensive knowledge, especially of the fine arts; a person of refined taste.

66.

conscientious

thorough; pays attention to detail; careful

67.

conspire (verb)

to secretly plan together to something wrong or illegal

68.

contagious

passed easily from one person to another

69.

contemplate

give careful thought to
OR to have plans

70.

contingent

adj - Conditional;
depending on
something else

OR

adj - Likely, but not
certain to happen;
possible

OR

noun - group that is part
of a larger one

71.

copious

Large in quantity;
abundant

72.

corroborate

to provide evidence to
make more certain; to
conform

73.

Coup

Overthrow gov./ change

74.

crucial

extremely important;
vital in resolving
something

75.

cull

v. to select and remove
weak or inferior
members from

76.

culminate

to reach or bring to the
highest point

77.

cursor

done in a hurry and with
little attention to detail

78.

daunt

verb - To discourage or
intimidate

79.

decelerate

To slow down or to
cause to slow down

80.

decipher

v. 1. to convert from a
code or secret writing
into ordinary language;
to decode 2. to interpret
the meaning of
something puzzling; to
solve

81.

defer

v. 1. to put off or
postpone 2. to yield out
of respect for the

knowledge or authority
of another

82.

dehydrate

1. to remove the water
from 2. to become dry;
to lose water from

83.

delegate

representative(person)
or to assign

84.

deluge

noun - A downpour of
rain; a flood.

OR

verb - To flood or
overwhelm.

85.

demean

to cause a lowering of
self-esteem; to lower in
reputation or character;
degrading

86.

depict

describe; to give a
picture of

87.

deploy

To arrange troops or
equipment in position
for battle

OR

to put into use

88.

derive

to take or receive from a source; to obtain through reasoning

89.

desist

v. to refrain from continuing something

90.

despicable

deserving contempt or scorn

91.

despondent

adj. depressed from loss of hope or confidence; utterly discouraged.

92.

deter

discourage or prevent from taking action

93.

dialect

A form of a language spoken in a certain geographical region that has its own grammar, pronunciation, and vocabulary.

94.

Dignitary

High rank

95.

dire

Having terrible consequences; urgent or desperate.

96.

discern

To detect with the eyes OR to understand or comprehend OR to recognize as separate or different

97.

discredit

v. 1. to hurt the reputation of 2. to destroy confidence or trust in

98.

dismantle

to take apart

99.

dispel

verb - To clear away; to remove or get rid of, as if by scattering

100.

disposition

a persons mood-temperament ,

101.

dissect

v. 1. to cut into in order to study 2. to study closely; to analyze

102.

dissension (noun)

a difference of opinion; disagreement

103.

divert

To turn aside.

or

To entertain or amuse.

104.

dub

verb - To give a title, nickname, or description to

105.

elapse (verb)

the passing of time; time slipping by

106.

electrify

1. to wire or equip with electric power 2. to thrill or shock

107.

elite

A group that enjoys superior status to others.

or

Considered superior to others.

108.

embark

to begin; to start out

109.

embellish

To make beautiful by adding decorative elements OR to add fictitious details to (like a story)

110.

Embroil

Argument

111.

emulate

to try to equal; to imitate

112.

encompass

to enclose , encircle - to include

113.

encroach

v. to advance little by little beyond the usual limits or boundaries

114.

endeavor

1. to attempt earnestly
2. a serious, earnest effort toward a goal

115.

engulf

to swallow up by covering completely; overwhelm

116.

enhance

To make greater or better.

117.

enigma

n. anything that is puzzling, mysterious, or hard to figure out

118.

entreat

v. to ask earnestly; to beg.

119.

Epoch

Long period of time

120.

evoke

1. to call forth; to produce
2. to bring to mind, often by suggestion

121.

excruciating

very painful

122.

execute

To carry out; to perform
OR to create (like art)
OR to put to death (legal penalty)

123.

exemplify

To illustrate by being an example of

124.

extricate

to free from a difficult or tangled situation

125.

facilitate

To make easier

126.

fanfare

noun - A sounding of trumpets or other brass instruments

OR

Any showy display.

127.

fastidious

Paying close attention to detail

OR

Difficult to please

128.

feasible

able to be done; possible or likely

129.

fervent

1. having or showing great warmth or deep feeling; intensely eager
2. Great warmth and intensity of feeling

130.

fitful

Not steady; irregular

131.

flagrant

Clearly offensive or bad; conspicuously acting against what is right.

132.

flair

natural gift or talent

133.

fledgling

noun - A young bird just learning to fly

OR

noun- young and inexperienced person.

OR

adj - New and untested

134.

forbearance

1. a showing of self-control or patience

2. to hold back

135.

foreboding

n. a strong feeling that something bad is about to happen

136.

forfeit

to be forced to give up or lose

137.

generation

one step in the line of descent of a family

138.

gingerly

cautious; very careful

139.

glib

adj. Marked by an ease in speaking or writing that often shows lack of concern or sincerity.

140.

glut

1) a much larger supply than is needed OR

2) to eat or consume to excess

141.

grapple

To struggle with in close combat; to wrestle

OR

To come to grips with (as in a problem)

OR

An iron shaft with a claw for grasping and holding things

142.

grimace

to make a face expressing feelings of pain, disgust, or contempt

143.

grotesque

So distorted or strange as to appear bizarre or comical

144.

gruesome

causing shock or horror

145.

guile

cunning or deceit in dealing with others: trickery

146.

gullible

adj. easily tricked or cheated; too trusting

147.

haggard

adj. Having a tired look; worn out

148.

hallowed

Greatly respected; holy; sacred.

149.

haunt

v. 1. to stay in one's mind continually; 2. to visit frequently; 3. to appear in the form of a ghost.

150.

havoc

1) widespread destruction or devastation OR
2) great confusion

151.

hindrance

n. any person or thing that is an obstacle

152.

humane

adj. compassionate;
kind to other human
beings or to animals
153.

humdrum

Lacking excitement;
boring or monotonous.

154.

immaculate

adj. perfectly clean,
spotless; without a flaw;
faultless

155.

immerse

to cover with liquid OR
to engage full attention

156.

imminent (adjective)

about to happen

157.

Impeccable

Perfect

158.

impel

v. 1. to drive or to
propel; 2. to urge or
drive by force or moral
pressure.

159.

imperative

urgent pressing

160.

impersonate

To assume the
character or
appearance of OR to
mimic

161.

impregnable

impossible to attack
successfully

162.

inane

adj - Empty; shallow or
silly.

OR

noun (inanity) -

Foolishness; a silly or
pointless act.

163.

inaugurate

1.to install in office with
a formal ceremony 2. to
begin officially or mark
the opening of 3. the act
of installing in office

164.

incessant

adj. going on without
interruption; continual

165.

inclement

stormy or harsh

166.

indefatigable

not easily made tired;
tireless

167.

indelible

permanent (think
Sharpie)

168.

indulgent

adj. Inclined to give in
easily, lenient.

169.

ineffectual

adj. not bringing about
the desired result; futile

170.

infallible

adj. 1. incapable of
making an error; never
wrong 2. unlikely to fail
or go wrong

171.

inflammatory

adj. causing anger or
trouble; to excite or
anger; to make or
become swollen and
sore

172.

influx

A flowing or pouring in;
arrival in massive
numbers.

173.

inkling

a slight suspicion; a
vague idea

174.

innovation

new way of doing something

175.

instil

to introduce gradually in order to establish securely

176.

Institute

Organization/to begin

177.

interminable

adj. endless; seeming to be without end.

178.

interrogate (verb)

to ask questions in a thorough manner

179.

intricate

Complicated; having many related details or parts.

180.

inventory

1. a list of possessions or goods on hand 2. to make a list of

181.

irascible

adj. quick-tempered; irritable.

182.

irksome

annoying

183.

irrational

adj. lacking sound judgement; not governed by reason

184.

irrepressible

adj. incapable of being controlled or held back

185.

lackadaisical

showing little enthusiasm or spirit

186.

languish

To lose hope, strength, or vitality because of neglect or bad conditions.

187.

legacy

money or property left in a will to another

188.

lionize (verb)

to treat as a celebrity

189.

loll

v. To sit back in a relaxed way, to sprawl; To hang loosely, to drop.

190.

luminous

adj. 1. giving off light 2. clear; easy to understand

191.

lurid

adj. 1. causing horror; extremely gruesome 2. glowing with the redness of flames seen through a haze

192.

malady

sickness

193.

malevolent

To assume the character or appearance of OR a feeling or expression of ill will.

194.

mania

extreme enthusiasm

195.

memento

Something kept as a reminder of a past event; a souvenir.

196.

memoir

telling author's experiences

197.

meticulous (adjective)

paying attention to details; extremely careful

198.

mettle

noun - Courage to bear up under difficult circumstances; spirit.

199.

millennium

n. a period of one thousand years

200.

mire

n. an area of wet, swampy ground; deep mud v. to get stuck as if in a mire; unable to make progress

201.

modify

to make less extreme ; to make changes in ; in grammar - to limit or restrict in meaning

202.

mute

To soften or tone down the sound of.

or

Not speaking or not able to speak; silent.

203.

mutiny

deliberate refusal to obey orders of those in

command; go against authority

204.

negligible

adj - Small and unimportant, not worth noticing.

205.

onslaught

a fierce attack

206.

ordain

1. to order or prearrange
2. To install as a minister, priest, or rabbi, often in a special ceremony.

207.

ornate

Heavily and elaborately decorated.

208.

ostentatious

extravagantly showy or ornate

209.

ovation

an enthusiastic reception; long and loud applause

210.

overt

adj. not hidden; public

211.

pang

A sudden sharp feeling of pain or distress

212.

panorama

A complete view of a surrounding area

213.

paramount

most important

214.

pastoral

Having to do with shepherds and herders
OR relating to country life

215.

Patriarch

Male ruler

216.

perpetuate

v. to cause to continue indefinitely

217.

pervade

to spread throughout

218.

pestilence

n. a rapidly spreading and usually fatal disease

219.

phenomenon

1) fact or event that can be observed or described OR

2) an unusual fact, event, or person

220.

philanthropy

charity

221.

picturesque

like a picture; pleasing to look at

222.

pilfer

to repeatedly steal small amounts of things with little value

223.

pittance

n. A very small amount, especially of money.

224.

pivot

a small bar or rod on which something else turns ; a person or thing on which others depend

225.

precarious

Not safe or secure; dangerously uncertain

226.

precede

To go or come before in time, rank, or position.

227.

prestige

respect earned by accomplishments

228.

prevalent

commonly occurring; widely excepted or practiced

229.

profound

adj. 1. intense; deeply felt; 2. having understanding or knowledge that goes beneath the surface, beyond the obvious.

230.

profusion

a great number or a huge amount

231.

prolific

abundantly productive

232.

proprietor

an owner of a store or other business

233.

protract

verb- To draw out or lengthen (in time).

234.

prudent

very careful; showing wisdom and good judgment

235.

pseudonym

a fictitious name used by an author; a pen name

236.

pungent

adj. Having a sharp taste or smell; Sharply critical, painfully direct.

237.

query

A question.

or

To ask or ask about.

238.

rankle

to cause continuing anger or irritation

239.

Rapport

Connection

240.

raze

To level to the ground; to destroy completely.

241.

rebuff

1. to reject bluntly 2. to drive back 3. an abrupt setback in progress

242.

rebuke

to criticize strongly; to reprimand

243.

recant

v. to take back an opinion or statement; to confess to being wrong

244.

recluse

n. a person who lives apart from society and often alone.

245.

rectify

adjust

246.

recur

to come up again or to happen again - to come to mind again

247.

rejoinder

n.a reply to what has been said

248.

Renounce

Reject

249.

renown

Fame; honor

250.

replica

noun - A copy or reproduction, especially

one on a smaller scale than the original.

251.

reprisal

A retaliation for an injury.

252.

reproach

1. to find fault with; to blame

2. Blame, disgrace, or discredit.

253.

requisite

required

254.

resilient

1. capable of recovering quickly from misfortune

2. returning quickly to an original shape or condition 3. the ability to recover or spring back

255.

restive

adj. showing impatience because of restrictions or delays

256.

reticent

quiet and reserved

257.

reverberate

v. to be repeated as in a series of echoes or vibrations.

258.

Rhetoric

Glib or skilled language

259.

rue

v. To feel regret or sorrow over.

260.

sage

adj. having wisdom and good judgment. n. 1. a person known for wisdom and good judgment; 2. an aromatic grayish-green plant used in cooking.

261.

serene

peaceful and calm

262.

servile

adj. like a slave; excessively humble

263.

shackle (noun)

a ring put around an arm or leg to keep person from moving freely

264.

simulate

1. to take on the qualities of another; to imitate 2. to pretend
265.

simultaneous

happen or exists at the same time
266.

slovenly

messy; untidy;
carelessly done

267.

spontaneous

voluntary and unplanned
268.

sporadic

Happening occasionally; not regularly.

269.

squeamish

feel sick to the stomach
270.

stagnate

v. to fail to develop, change, or move
271.

stamina

n. physical strength or courage to resist hardship, illness, or fatigue
272.

staple

A basic food that is used frequently and in large amounts

273.

stipulate

to require as part of an agreement

274.

strident

adj. Harsh and grating, loud and shrill.

275.

stymie

to make difficult

276.

sublime

adj. great or noble in expression, thought, or manner; splendid

277.

succumb

1. to give up or give in to; to yield 2. to cease to exist; to die

278.

surmise

1. to suppose something without sufficient evidence 2. a guess

279.

surpass

v. to exceed or go beyond

280.

surveillance

n. close observation of a person or area

281.

susceptible

easily influenced or affected by

282.

sweltering (adjective)

very hot and humid

283.

synonymous

close in meaning; closely related

284.

tirade

n. a long, angry speech.

285.

tract

area of land OR system of organs OR brochure

286.

tremulous

adj. 1. marked by trembling or shaking; 2. timid or fearful.

287.

tribulation

suffering

288.

tumult

Noisy excitement; an uproar or disturbance.

289.

turbulent

1. chaotic; unruly 2.
stormy; tempestuous 3.
great disturbance or
agitation

290.

turmoil

A state of confusion or
agitation; tumult.

291.

tycoon

wealthy and powerful
businessperson (think
P. Diddy)

292.

unseemly

Not suitable;
inappropriate or
improper.

293.

vehement

adj. Expressing strong
feeling, intense.

294.

vie

v. to compete for, as in
a contest

295.

vignette

short sketch giving clear
picture

296.

vilify

to make insulting
remarks about; to
slander

297.

voluminous

adj. having great bulk or
volume; ample

298.

wrangle

argue in a noisy or
angry way

wreak

To bring about or inflict.
or

To express or vent.

300.

wrest

1) to pull away from with
a twist OR

2) to take by force

9th Grade Reading List:

Accentuate

v. To emphasize or stress.

2.

Adage

n. An old saying that has come to be accepted as true; a proverb

3.

Adhere

v. 1. To stick to; stay attached.
2. To follow closely or faithfully.

n. Adherence.

n. Adherent.

4.

Adroit

adj. Clever at dealing with difficult situations; adept; skillful.

5.

Adversity

n. Misfortune; hardship.

6.

Affront

v. To insult or offend deliberately.

n. A deliberate insult or offensive act.

7.

Aficionado

n. An enthusiastic follower; a supporter or fan.

8.

Alacrity

n. 1. Promptness in responding

2. Eagerness

9.

Allude

v. To refer to in an indirect way (used with "to")

n. allusion

10.

Allure

n. The power to attract or charm

11.

Amass

v. To gather or collect for one's use or profit; to accumulate.

12.

Amenity

n. 1. A feature that contributes to physical comfort

2. A feature that increases the attractiveness or value of a location

n. pl. amenities - Acts of social courtesy

13.

Amorous

adj. Expressing love or the state of being in love.

14.

Amputate

v. To cut off a body part, especially by surgery.

15.

Antecedent

n. A thing or event that precedes another.

adj. Going before; preceding.

16.

Antiquity

n. 1. The ancient world, especially before the Middle Ages.

2. The quality of great age.

antiquities

n. Valuable objects from ancient times.

17.

Apex

n. The highest point of something.

18.

Aplomb

n. Complete self-confidence and poise.

19.

Appraise

v. 1. To estimate the value of.

2. To form a judgment of; to evaluate.

20.

Apropos

adj. Fitting the occasion; suitable or apt.

21.

Aptitude

n. A natural talent.

22.

Array

n. 1. A large group of people or things

2. An orderly arrangement or display

v. 1. To place in order.

2. To dress up

23.

Articulate

v. 1. To pronounce distinctly.

2. To express one's thoughts, feelings, or beliefs in words.

adj. Able to speak in clear and effective language.

24.

Ascendancy

n. Controlling influence; domination.

25.

Assess

v. To analyze and determine the nature, value, or importance of.

n. Assessment

26.

Aver

v. To declare positively; to state as the truth.

27.

Averse

adj. Having a feeling of opposition or distaste

n. aversion

28.

Avocation

n. An activity pursued for pleasure; a hobby.

29.

Belated

adj. Done too late; having been delayed beyond the usual time.

30.

Belittle

v. To present or speak of as unimportant or of little value.

31.

Beneficiary

n. One who benefits or gains an advantage from something.

32.

Bewail

v. To express deep regret or sorrow over.

33.

Blandishment

n. (often plural) That which is intended to coax or persuade, such as flattery; an allurements.

34.

Blight

n. 1. Any disease that damages plants.

2. Something that harms or destroys.

v. To do harm to.

35.

Bogus

adj. Counterfeit or fake.

36.

Boon

n. A welcome gift or blessing.

37.

Brandish

v. To shake or wave in a threatening way.

38.

Broach

v. To bring up for discussion; to begin to talk about.

39.

Caliber

n. 1. Degree of importance or excellence.

2. The diameter of a bullet or inside of a gun barrel.

40.

Callow

adj. Young and inexperienced; immature.

41.

Camaraderie

n. Good will and warm feelings among friends

42.

Cardinal

adj. Most important; chief.

43.

Censure

v. To blame or find fault with.

n. A severe criticism or harsh judgement.

44.

Centrifugal

adj. Moving or tending away from the center.

45.

Chagrin

n. A feeling of embarrassment or annoyance caused by having failed or being disappointed.

v. To cause to feel unease.

46.

Cite

v. 1. To mention or quote as an example or authority.

2. To mention for praise.

3. To summon before a court of law.

47.

Cleave

v. 1. To cling to or be faithful to.

2. To split with force or a sharp instrument.

48.

Clemency

n. Mercy shown in punishing or judging someone.

49.

Collusion

n. A secret agreement between parties for a criminal or deceitful purpose.

50.

Commiserate

v. To feel or express sorrow or compassion for; to sympathize.

51.

Complacent

adj. So self-satisfied that one sees no need for change;

unconcerned

n. complacency

52.

Concede

v. 1. To admit to be true, often reluctantly.

2. to grant or let have.

53.

Consecrate

v. 1. To set apart as holy

2. To dedicate to a cause; to devote

54.

Contemporary

n. A person living during the same period as another.

adj. Existing or occurring at the same time.

55.

Contend

v. 1. To struggle with

2. To maintain or assert

contention n. 1. A conflict or struggle

2. A point made in an argument

56.

Contravene

v. To act against or be counter to.

57.

Convuluted

adj. 1. Having numerous coils or folds.
2. Complicated; intricate.

58.

Credible

adj. Believable; reliable.
n. Credibility.

59.

Crusade

n. A prolonged, impassioned struggle for what is believed to be a just cause.

v. To engage in such a struggle.

60.

Cynical

adj. Doubtful of the sincerity of others' motives; skeptical

n. Cynic

61.

Decapitate

v. To kill by cutting off the head.

62.

Decimate

v. To kill or destroy a large portion of a group.

63.

Decompose

v. To decay or to break into basic elements

64.

Deduce

v. To draw a conclusion from given facts

65.

Deem

v. To consider; to believe.

66.

Default

n. 1. Failure to do what is required by duty or law.

2. An automatic selection made according to a computer program when the user does not make a choice.

v. To fail to pay what or when one should.

67.

Deficient

adj. Lacking

n. Deficiency

68.

Definitive

adj. Supplying a final answer; conclusive.

69.

Defray

v. To supply the money for; to pay

70.

Demeanor

n. Behavior; bearing.

71.

Demise

n. The end of existence or activity; death.

72.

Deprecate

v. 1. To criticize or express disapproval of.

2. To represent as of little value.

73.

Depreciate

v. 1. To make or become less in value.

2. To represent as of little value; to belittle.

74.

Despot

n. A ruler with absolute power or tyrannical control over a group of people.

adj. Despotic

75.

Destitute

adj. 1. Without resources or possessions, especially the necessities of life.

2. Lacking; devoid of.

n. Destitution

76.

Detract

v. To take away especially from the

value, beauty, or importance of.

n. Detractor

77.

Devise

v. To form or arrange in the mind.

78.

Devotee

n. An ardent follower, supporter, or enthusiast.

79.

Dexterous

adj. Skillful in the use of hands or mind.

n. Dexterity.

80.

Diffident

adj. Unsure of oneself; shy; reserved in manner.

n. Diffidence.

81.

Discomfit

v. To make uneasy by confusing or embarrassing a person.

82.

Disingenuous

adj. Not straightforward; insincere.

83.

Disseminate

v. To scatter or spread widely

n. dissemination

84.

Divulge

v. To make known something secret; to reveal.

85.

Dogma

n. An unproven principle or belief held to be true.

adj. Dogmatic. Overly positive and assertive about something that cannot be proved.

86.

Doldrums

n. pl. A condition of feeling sad, bored, or sluggish.

87.

Dote

v. To show excessive fondness for (used with "on" or "upon")

88.

Eccentric

adj. Departing from accepted or normal behavior; odd.

89.

Emanate

v. To come out from a source

90.

Emancipate

v. To set free from slavery; to liberate.

n. Emancipation

91.

Emblazon

v. To inscribe or decorate conspicuously.

92.

Embody

v. 1. To put an idea into a form that can be seen.

2. To make part of a system; incorporate.

93.

Eminent

adj. Standing above others in worth, rank, or fame.

n. Eminence.

94.

Empathize

v. To show or feel understanding of another's feelings or problems.

n. Empathy.

95.

Encumber

v. 1. To weigh down or burden

2. To impede the action of

n. encumbrance

96.

Enshrine

v. To cherish as precious or sacred.

97.

Enunciate

v. 1. To pronounce clearly.

2. To state; to announce.

98.

Envisage

v. To picture in one's mind; to imagine something in the future

99.

Erudite

adj. Having or demonstrating extensive knowledge; learned.

n. erudition

100.

Evince

v. 1. To show clearly; to express.

2. To provoke.

101.

Exhort

v. To urge strongly; to warn or appeal

n. exhortation

102.

Exorbitant

adj. Exceeding normal bounds; greater or more than seems reasonable.

103.

Expend

v. To use up; consume.

104.

Expire

v. 1. To come to an end.

2. To die.

105.

Exponent

n. A person who explains, interprets, or works to make something popular.

106.

Expostulate

v. To argue earnestly in an attempt to dissuade or show strong disapproval.

107.

Extol

v. To praise highly.

108.

Extraneous

adj. Not necessary; irrelevant

109.

Extravaganza

n. An elaborate and spectacular display or event.

110.

Facet

n. 1. Any of the many small, flat surfaces on a

precious stone made by cutting.

2. One of many sides or aspects of something.

111.

Facetious

adj. Playfully or inappropriately humorous

112.

Facsimile

n. An exact copy.

113.

Faculty

n. 1. Any of the natural powers of the mind and body, such as sight or hearing.

2. An inborn ability; a knack.

3. All the teachers of a school.

114.

Fallacy

n. A false or mistaken idea

adj. fallacious

115.

Farce

n. 1. A humorous stage play marked by improbably situations and exaggerated behavior.

2. An absurd or ridiculous event or situation; a mockery.

116.

Fateful

adj. Having great or significant consequences.

117.

Feckless

adj. Careless or irresponsible

118.

Flamboyant

adj. Excessively showy; unrestrained.

n. Flamboyance or Flamboyancy

119.

Foray

n. A sudden raid or advance into enemy territory.

120.

Fraught

adj. Full of or accompanied by (usually followed by "with")

121.

Furor

n. An uproar; a state of great anger or excitement

122.

Garb

n. A style of clothing; costume.

v. To clothe or dress.

123.

Garner

v. To collect or gather; to acquire or obtain.

124.

Glean

v. To gather bit by bit.

125.

Gratis

adj. or adv. Without payment; free of charge.

126.

Gregarious

adj. Enjoying the company of others; sociable.

127.

Haphazard

adj. Marked by lack of plan, order, or direction

128.

Harrowing

adj. Very distressing or acutely painful.

129.

Hubbub

n. Noisy confusion; uproar

130.

Idyll

n. An episode or experience that is calm and carefree

adj. idyllic

131.

Impair

v. To damage, weaken, or lessen.

n. Impairment.

132.

Impart

v. 1. To make known; disclose.

2. To bestow.

133.

Impediment

n. Anything that gets in the way; an obstacle.

134.

Impervious

adj. 1. Incapable of being penetrated.

2. Not affected or disturbed by.

135.

Impetus

n. 1. A driving force; anything that causes an action.

2. Increased activity resulting from a driving force.

136.

Implicate

v. To show to be involved with something, especially something dishonest or illegal

137.

Impoverish

v. 1. To make poor.

2. To take away.

adj. Impoverished

138.

Incapacitate

v. To make helpless or incapable

n. Incapacity

139.

Inception

n. The beginning of an action or process

140.

Incinerate

v. To burn to ashes.

141.

Incontrovertible

adj. Impossible to dispute; unquestionable

142.

Indict

v. To charge with a crime.

n. Indictment

143.

Indolent

adj. Indulging in ease; avoiding exertion; lazy.

n. Indolence

144.

Indubitable

adj. Too evident to be doubted;

unquestionable.

145.

Induct

v. 1. To install in office, sometimes with a formal ceremony.

2. To admit to a society or to military service.

n. induction

146.

Inexplicable

adj. Hard to explain or impossible to understand

147.

Infer

v. To reach a conclusion through reasoning.

n. Inference.

148.

Ingenuous

adj. Marked by imagination, resourceful, or cleverness

n. ingenuity

149.

Ingrate

n. An ungrateful person.

150.

Inherent

adj. Existing as a natural part of something.

151.

Injunction

n. 1. An order or command.

2. A court order prohibiting someone from doing something.

152.

Insuperable

adj. Incapable of being overcome or defeated

153.

Integrity

n. 1. Honesty; trustworthiness.

2. The condition of being whole or complete.

154.

Intermittent

adj. Not continuous; happening at intervals

155.

Intuition

n. Knowing or sensing something without the use of reason; an insight.

adj. Intuitive.

156.

Irrevocable

adj. Impossible to change.

157.

Jaded

adj. Dulled or wearied by excess or overindulgence.

158.

Judicial

adj. Having to do with judges, the law, or the courts.

159.

Laggard

n. One who falls behind others because of moving slowly or loitering; a straggler

adj.

160.

Lament

v. To feel or express grief

n. lamentation (or lament) - an expression of sorrow or grief in the form of a poem, song, etc.

161.

Lapse

v. 1. To fall or slip from a certain level of conduct or accomplishment.

2. To come to an end; to expire.

n. 1. A minor mistake; a slip.

2. A pause or interval

162.

Magnanimous

adj. Generous, unselfish, or forgiving

n. magnanimity - Quality of being above meanness or spite; generosity of spirit enabling one to bear trouble calmly

163.

Manifest

adj. Plain to see; evident.

v. To make clear; to reveal.

164.

Martial

adj. Having to do with war, armies, or fighting.

165.

Martyr

n. One who chooses to suffer or die rather than give up beliefs or principles.

v. To be put to death for one's beliefs.

166.

Masochistic

adj. Deriving pleasure from being mistreated mentally or physically.

n. Masochist.

167.

Maternal

adj. 1. Motherly.

2. Related to or inherited through one's mother.

168.

Maxim

n. A general truth or rule of conduct; a short saying.

169.

Meander

v. 1. To follow a winding course

2. To wander aimlessly

170.

Memorabilia

n. pl. Objects collected over a period of time that recall particular events.

171.

Meteoric

adj. Coming into existence swiftly, suddenly, brightly, like a meteor.

172.

Militant

adj. Ready to fight, especially for a cause.

n. One who is ready to fight for a cause.

173.

Momentum

n. Force or speed of movement; force or

energy that keeps something moving.

174.

Monetary

adj. Of or relating to money or currency

175.

Moribund

adj. Close to death; in a dying state.

176.

Motif

n. 1. A theme or idea in a work of art or literature that is developed or repeated.

2. A figure or design repeated in the decoration of something, such as a building or textile.

177.

Multitude

n. 1. A large number of people or things.

2. A large group of people; a crowd.

178.

Mundane

adj. Of or relating to ordinary, everyday matters.

179.

Myriad

n. A very large number

adj. Very many

180.

Nominal

adj. 1. In name only, not in fact.

2. Very small.

181.

Nondescript

adj. Hard to describe because of a lack of distinctive qualities or features.

182.

Novice

n. A person new at something; a beginner.

183.

Nuance

n. A very slight change in feeling or meaning; a gradation.

184.

Nurture

v. To care for and give sustenance to.

n. The process of raising one's young.

185.

Obligatory

adj. Required or demanded

186.

Obsolescent

adj. Going out of use; becoming obsolete.

187.

Obtrusive

adj. 1. Tending to push oneself forward in an unwelcome manner.

2. Noticeable in an undesirable way.

188.

Odoriferous

adj. Having or giving off a smell

189.

Oratory

n. The art of public speaking.

n. Orator. A public speaker.

adj. Oratorical

190.

Ostracize

v. To exclude from a group; to banish.

191.

Overbearing

adj. Acting in an arrogant, domineering way.

192.

Paraphernalia

n. 1. Personal belongings

2. Equipment associated with a particular activity

193.

Pariah

n. A social outcast.
194.

Parody

v. To imitate the style of someone or something in order to make fun of it.

n. An imitation that exaggerates for comic effect.

195.

Patronize

v. 1. To be a supporter or regular customer of.

2. To treat in a condescending way.

196.

Paucity

n. Scarcity; smallness in number or amount

197.

Pensive

adj. Deep in thought; dreamily thoughtful

198.

Pernicious

adj. Very destructive or harmful.

199.

Plaintive

adj. Expressing sorrow; mournful.

200.

Plaudit

n. (usually plural) A demonstration of strong approval or praise.

201.

Plumb

v. 1. To measure the depth of water

2. To reach the deepest part of

3. To understand by examining closely; to solve

adj. Straight up and down; vertical.

202.

Pomp

n. A showy or dignified display

203.

Porous

adj. Full of tiny holes or spaces; easily penetrated by gas or liquid

204.

Posthumous

adj. Occurring after a person has died.

205.

Potential

adj. Having possibility or capability.

n. The capacity for growth or development.

206.

Practicable

adj. 1. Capable of being done; feasible

2. Usable

207.

Precocious

adj. Showing exceptionally early development of abilities.

n. Precocity.

208.

Prodigy

n. 1. A person who shows remarkable talent at an early age.

2. An amazing or extraordinary thing or event.

209.

Proffer

v. To offer for acceptance or consideration.

n. An offer.

210.

Propagate

v. 1. To reproduce.

2. To cause to reproduce.

3. To foster the spread of.

n. Propagation

211.

Proponent

n. Someone who proposes or supports an idea; an advocate.

212.

Protégé

masc. n.; protégée, fem.
n. One whose training
or career is helped
along by another.
213.

Pugnacious

adj. Aggressive; eager
to fight or quarrel.
n. Pugnacity.
214.

Punctilious

adj. Careful of and
attentive to details,
especially ones relating
to good manners and
behavior
215.

Quandary

n. A state of being in
doubt about what to do.
216.

Quash

v. 1. To put down by
force.
2. To put a stop to
legally.
217.

Querulous

adj. Apt to find fault;
complaining.
218.

Quirk

n. 1. A peculiar or
eccentric mannerism.

2. An odd or sudden
turn of events.
219.

Raucous

adj. 1. Rough and
unpleasant to the ear.
2. Boisterous and
disorderly.
220.

Recipient

n. One who receives.
221.

Recuperate

v. To regain health or
strength
222.

Refute

v. To prove to be false;
to disprove.
223.

Regale

v. To entertain or delight
224.

Regalia

n. pl. The symbols,
objects, or special
costumes worn by or
associated with a group;
special clothing.
225.

Remonstrate

v. To say in protest; to
raise an objection.
226.

Remunerate

v. To pay or reward
n. remuneration
227.

Repose

v. 1. To lie at rest.
2. To place (power, etc.)
in some person or
group.
n. A state of rest or
relaxation.
228.

Reprehensible

adj. Deserving blame or
rebuke.
229.

Rescind

v. To do away with; to
cancel.

230.

Resplendent

adj. Dazzling in
appearance.
231.

Revere

v. To have great respect
and admiration for.
232.

Ribald

adj. Funny in a crude
way.
233.

Rift

n. 1. A split or crack.

2. A break in friendly relations.

234.

Rudimentary

adj. 1. Not yet fully developed.

2. Elementary

235.

Sagacious

adj. Showing sound judgment; wise.

n. Sagacity

236.

Sanction

n. 1. Approval or permission from an authority.

2. An action taken by one nation against another.

v. To approve or allow.

237.

Scintillate

v. To flash or sparkle.

adj. Lively and witty.

238.

Scion

n. 1. A descendent or heir.

2. A cutting from a plant used to produce new growth.

239.

Scrutinize

v. To examine with great care.

scrutiny

n. Close examination

240.

Secular

adj. Worldly; not

connected with a church or religion

241.

Sedentary

adj. Doing or requiring a lot of sitting

242.

Sojourn

n. A visit or temporary stay.

v. To stay for a while.

243.

Solace

n. Comfort or relief in sorrow or distress; consolation.

244.

Solicit

v. To ask in a formal way

n. solicitation

245.

Sollicitous

adj. Showing interest and care; concerned.

246.

Sordid

adj. Dirty or disgusting.

247.

Spartan

adj. Marked by simplicity and lack of luxury

248.

Speculate

v. 1. To think about or make guesses.

2. To engage in a risky business venture.

249.

Spry

adj. Moving with quickness and ease; lively.

250.

Stilted

adj. Artificially stiff or formal in manner

251.

Strife

n. Conflict or struggle.

252.

Suave

adj. Smoothly polite; blandly pleasing.

253.

Subjugate

v. To bring under control; to conquer

n. subjugation

254.

Subordinate

adj. Less important; secondary.

n. A person under the command or control of another.

v. To give less importance to; to place in a lesser position.

255.

Subsidize

v. To support by giving financial aid.

Subsidy n. A grant of money, often provided by a government to a group or individual.

256.

Succinct

adj. Expressed clearly and in few words; concise.

257.

Suffrage

n. The right to vote.

258.

Sumptuous

adj. Extravagantly splendid or costly; luxurious.

259.

Supersede

v. To replace; to cause to be set aside because of superiority

260.

Surmount

v. To defeat or overcome.

261.

Sustenance

n. something that provides nourishment; food needed to live

262.

Sylvan

adj. Having to do with trees or wooded areas.

263.

Synthetic

adj. Not naturally produced; made by artificial processes.

264.

Tacit

adj. Expressed without words; implied.

265.

Tangible

adj. 1. Real; able to be touched

2. Possible to understand or realize; not vague or uncertain

266.

Temporal

adj. Relating to the everyday world as opposed to that which is spiritual or eternal

267.

Tenable

adj. Capable of being defended; reasonable.

268.

Tenuous

adj. 1. Lacking substance, flimsy.
2. Not thick; slender.
3. Lacking density; thin.

269.

Tome

n. A book, especially one that is large.

270.

Torrid

adj. 1. Intensely hot and dry
2. Burning with passion

271.

Tractable

adj. Easily managed or controlled.

272.

Transmute

v. To change the form or appearance of.

273.

Trauma

n. 1. A severe bodily injury

2. Emotional shock

adj. Traumatic

274.

Traverse

v. To pass over, across, or through

275.

Travesty

n. A distorted example or imitation.

276.

Treatise

n. A methodically and thoroughly written discussion of a topic.

277.

Trepidation

n. Apprehension; dread.

278.

Trite

adj. Used so much that it is no longer fresh or new

279.

Truism

n. A truth that is so well known that it is almost unnecessary to say it.

280.

Ubiquitous

adj. Appearing to be present in large numbers or in many different places

281.

Untoward

adj. Not favorable; unlucky.

282.

Vagabond

n. A person who wanders from place to place.

adj.

283.

Venerate

v. To show great respect for.

284.

Verve

n. Enthusiasm; vivacity.

285.

Vindicate

v. 1. To free from blame, guilt, or suspicion.

2. To show to be true or right.

286.

Virtuoso

n. A person with great skill in some art, especially music.

adj. Done with great skill and dash.

287.

Visage

n. a face, especially one that expresses feelings.

288.

Viscera

n. pl. The internal organs of the body.

adj. Visceral. Felt strongly, as if in the viscera.

289.

Vitriolic

adj. Having a sharp, biting quality; bitterly sarcastic.

290.

Vociferous

adj. Making one's feelings known in a loud way.

291.

Vogue

n. The popular fashion of the time; wide acceptance or favor.

292.

Volition

n. An act of consciously choosing or deciding.

293.

Voluble

adj. Characterized by a ready flow of words; talkative.

294.

Voracious

adj. 1. ravenous; desiring and eating a large amount of food.
2. Greatly eager.

295.

Wane

v. To get smaller, dimmer, or weaker; to near an end.

296.

Wanton

adj. 1. Ignoring what is right

2. excessive or unrestrained

3. Playful or frolicsome
297.

Wheedle

v. 1. To coax by using sly persuasion or insincere praise

2. To gain by using sly persuasion or insincere praise
298.

Wry

adj. 1. Turned or bent to one side

2. Amusing in a quiet but sharp way
299.

Zany

adj. Comical because of strangeness; clownish.
300.

Zenith

n. 1. The highest point; the peak

2. The point in the sky directly above the observer