

100 Words Every High School Graduate Should Know

WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

- I think a strong vocabulary is, by far, the most important thing in your intellectual tool bag to make you a better reader, a better writer, and an all-around smarter person.
- A good vocabulary will help you in Every. Single. Subject.
- Vocabulary is a large part of college admissions tests.
- It is fun to learn new words. There, I said it.

Ten times throughout this semester, you will be assigned 10 new words. The words can be found on the back of this page. You will be required to make a chart, identical to the one below, for that week's assignment. Use a separate piece of paper for each assignment.

Word	Definition	Part of Speech	Etymology	Antonym	Synonym	Original Sentence

1. **word** - the word from the list
2. **definition** - use a dictionary to look it up. If there is more than one definition, use the first definition in the dictionary. Don't forget, even if you can copy the definition from the dictionary, it won't do you any good later on if you can't put it into your own words.
3. **part of speech** - is this a noun? a verb? an adjective? an adverb? Tell me.
4. **etymology** - the word origin and history. This will be possible to do for 99% of the words, so don't give up and try a "it wasn't in there" until you've *really* looked for it.
5. **antonym** - a word or phrase that means the *opposite* of this word.
6. **synonym** - a word or phrase that means the *same thing* as this word.
7. **original sentence** - use this word in an original sentence. Your sentence must clearly demonstrate that you know the meaning of the word and how to use it (for example, "My brother is *omniscient*" is not a good original sentence that expresses your knowledge of the word).

You may use the Internet (dictionary.com) or a paper dictionary to complete the assignment. When we go over the assignment in class on Tuesday, it is your responsibility to LISTEN to the correct definition and other information, and correct the information on your chart as necessary. We will use the words frequently in various ways, including during conversations and during formal assignments, and I promise that you'll see them in other areas of your life, outside of this classroom. The words will also appear on

unit tests (see dates below) and will appear on your final exam for this class.

Words	Chart Assignment Due	Test Date
1-10		
11-20		
21-30		
31-40		
41-50		
51-60		
61-70		
71-80		
81-90		
91-100		

Words:

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|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. abjure | 34. hemoglobin | 67. parameter |
| 2. abrogate | 35. homogeneous | 68. pecuniary |
| 3. abstemious | 36. hubris | 69. photosynthesis |
| 4. acumen | 37. hypotenuse | 70. plagiarize |
| 5. antebellum | 38. impeach | 71. plasma |
| 6. auspicious | 39. incognito | 72. polymer |
| 7. belie | 40. incontrovertible | 73. precipitous |
| 8. bellicose | 41. inculcate | 74. quasar |
| 9. bowdlerize | 42. infrastructure | 75. quotidian |
| 10. chicanery | 43. interpolate | 76. recapitulate |
| 11. chromosome | 44. irony | 77. reciprocal |
| 12. churlish | 45. jejune | 78. reparation |
| 13. circumlocution | 46. kinetic | 79. respiration |
| 14. circumnavigate | 47. kowtow | 80. sanguine |
| 15. deciduous | 48. laissez faire | 81. soliloquy |
| 16. deleterious | 49. lexicon | 82. subjugate |
| 17. diffident | 50. loquacious | 83. suffragist |
| 18. enervate | 51. lugubrious | 84. supercilious |
| 19. enfranchise | 52. metamorphosis | 85. tautology |
| 20. epiphany | 53. mitosis | 86. taxonomy |
| 21. equinox | 54. moiety | 87. tectonic |
| 22. euro | 55. nanotechnology | 88. tempestuous |
| 23. evanescent | 56. nihilism | 89. thermodynamics |
| 24. expurgate | 57. nomenclature | 90. totalitarian |
| 25. facetious | 58. nonsectarian | 91. unctuous |

26. fatuous
27. feckless
28. fiduciary
29. filibuster
30. gamete
31. gauche
32. gerrymander
33. hegemony

59. notarize
60. obsequious
61. oligarchy
62. omnipotent
63. orthography
64. oxidize
65. parabola
66. paradigm

92. usurp
93. vacuous
94. vehement
95. vortex
96. winnow
97. wrought
98. xenophobe
99. yeoman
100. ziggurat

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Test #1

Words 1-10

Put the proper heading at the top of this paper.

A. Choose the correct spelling and write the corresponding letter on the line provided.

1. _____ a. ajure b. adjure c. abjure d. abujure
2. _____ a. abrogate b. abragate c. abrogait c. abragait
3. _____ a. abstemious b. ebstemeous c. abstemeous d. ebstemious
4. _____ a. accumen b. acuumen c. acumen d. acumin
5. _____ a. antibellum b. antabellum c. antebellum d. antebellium
6. _____ a. auspicious b. aspicious c. aospecious d. aspecious
7. _____ a. bellie b. belie c. belli d. bely
8. _____ a. belicose b. bellucose c. bellicose d. bellecouse
9. _____ a. blowderize b. bowdelerize c. bowdlerize d. bowedelerize

10. _____ a. chicanery b. chicanary c. chicannery d. chicianary

B. Using the words above as a word bank, fill in the blank with the word that best fits the sentence.

11. Some publishers will _____ certain books to make them appropriate for teenage readers.
12. She kept to an _____ diet, having bottled water and a salad for lunch.
13. The defendant was forced to _____ his previous testimony and admit that he had lied.
14. He practiced _____ when he thought of a lie to avoid punishment from school.
15. Do you possess the _____ necessary to determine the criminal on television shows?

C. Using the words in Part A as a word bank, fill in the blank with the word that best fits the definition.

16. _____ The period before a war, especially the American Civil War.
17. _____ Warlike or hostile in temperament.
18. _____ To abolish or do away with.
19. _____ Attended by favorable circumstances.
20. _____ To give false representation to or misrepresent.

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KEY

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3. ___a___ a. abstemious b. ebstemeous c. abstemeous d. ebstemious
4. ___c___ a. accumen b. acuumen c. acumen d. acumin
5. ___c___ a. antibellum b. antabellum c. antebellum d. antebellium
6. ___a___ a. auspicious b. aspicious c. aospecious d. aspecious
7. ___b___ a. bellie b. belie c. belli d. bely
8. ___c___ a. belicose b. bellucose c. bellicose d. bellecouse
9. ___c___ a. blowderize b. bowdelerize c. bowdlerize d. bowedelerize
10. ___a___ a. chicanery b. chicanary c. chicannery d. chicinary

B. Using the words above as a word bank, fill in the blank with the word that best fits the sentence.

11. Some publishers will **bowdlerize** certain books to make them appropriate for teenage readers.
12. She kept to an **abstemious** diet, having bottled water and a salad for lunch.
13. The defendant was forced to **abjure** his previous testimony and admit that he had lied.
14. He practiced **chicanery** when he thought of a lie to avoid punishment from school.
15. Do you possess the **acumen** necessary to determine the criminal on television shows?

C. Using the words in Part A as a word bank, fill in the blank with the word

that best fits the definition.

16. **antebellum** The period before a war, especially the American Civil War.
17. **bellicose** Warlike or hostile in temperament.
18. **abrogate** To abolish or do away with.
19. **auspicious** Attended by favorable circumstances.
20. **belie** To give false representation to or misrepresent.