

Writing: Word List

OVERVIEW

This list of words is designed to help students in grades 3-5 expand their vocabulary. It includes a mix of academic vocabulary, challenging words, words related to science and social studies, and general vocabulary.

PURPOSE

The primary purpose of this word list is to:

- Enhance Reading Comprehension: A strong vocabulary helps students understand complex texts.
- **Improve Writing Skills:** A rich vocabulary allows students to express themselves more clearly and effectively.
- **Boost Academic Performance:** A strong vocabulary is essential for success in all subject areas.

By incorporating these words into reading, writing, and speaking activities, students can significantly improve their language skills and overall academic achievement.

Here's a list of 75 words that students in grades 3-5 should aim to learn and use in their vocabulary:

Core Academic Vocabulary

- 1. analyze
- 2. compare
- 3. contrast
- 4. describe
- 5. explain
- 6. identify
- 7. infer
- 8. summarize

- 9. predict
- 10. evaluate

Challenging Words

- 11. adventurous
- 12. anxious
- 13. cautious
- 14. courageous
- 15. curious
- 16. determined
- 17. enthusiastic
- 18. generous
- 19. grateful
- 20. impatient
- 21. jealous
- 22. joyful
- 23. nervous
- 24. patient
- 25. proud
- 26. silly
- 27. surprised
- 28. thoughtful
- 29. worried

Words Related to Science

- 30. experiment
- 31. hypothesis
- 32. observe
- 33. predict
- 34. theory

Words Related to Social Studies

- 35. citizen
- 36. community
- 37. culture
- 38. government

- 39. history
- 40. tradition

General Vocabulary

- 41. achieve
- 42. admire
- 43. amaze
- 44. annoy
- 45. appreciate
- 46. believe
- 47. challenge
- 48. confuse
- 49. convince
- 50. create
- 51. decide
- 52. discover
- 53. encourage
- 54. explore
- 55. imagine
- 56. improve
- 57. inspire
- 58. investigate
- 59. learn
- 60. memorize
- 61. notice
- 62. obey
- 63. practice
- 64. prefer
- 65. protect
- 66. question
- 67. realize
- 68. remember
- 69. repeat
- 70. solve
- 71. surprise
- 72. think
- 73. try

74. understand

75. wonder

Remember, the key to vocabulary building is consistent exposure and usage. Encourage students to use these words in their writing and conversations.