

# Challenging Words

## Ideas

Library media specialists can:

- Create clever vocabulary and book displays.
- Distribute word find activities and crossword puzzles.
- Alert teachers that word lists are available on the Internet site.

Students can:

- define words using
  - placement in context or
  - dictionary definition or
  - prior knowledge.
- write sentences with words.
- create a short story using words.
- find synonyms and/or antonyms for words in list.
- recognize prefixes, suffixes, and/or root words in list.
- change the word to another part of speech or verb tense.

## *The Beastly Arms*

aperture	(p.8 HB)
conscientious	(p.80 HB)
exposure	(p.9 HB)
infinity	(p.9 HB)
magenta	(p.8 HB)
magnifier	(p.38 HB)
mischievous	(p.92 HB)
negatives	(p.42 HB)
persistence	(p.149 HB)
phenomenon	(p.63 HB)
pulsating	(p.40 HB)
scowling	(p.78 HB)
squander	(p.33 HB)
tentacles	(p.66 HB)
thermometer	(p.39 HB)
traipsing	(p.18 HB)

### *The City of Ember*

chasm	(p. 43 HB)
convoluted	(p.181 HB)
demonstrators	(p.159 HB)
endeavor	(p. 2 HB)
enmeshed	(p. 55 HB)
generator	(p.15 HB)
incoherently	(p. 78 HB)
labyrinth	(p.11 HB)
resonant	(p. 29 HB)
reverberating	(p. 26 HB)

### *Esperanza Rising*

appropriate	(p.31 HB)	mesquite	(p. 9 HB)
arbor	(p.1 HB)	methodically	(p. 27 HB)
camisoles	(p.10 HB)	monotonous	(p. 72 HB)
capricious	(p.13 HB)	monstrous	(p. 94 HB)
careening	(p.92 HB)	panorama	(p. 81 HB)
cavernous	(p.168 HB)	peasants	(p. 66 HB)
condolences	(p.26 HB)	philosophical	(p.13 HB)
devious	(p.33 HB)	presentation	(p. 7 HB)
encroaching	(p.29 HB)	propriety	(p.13 HB)
humiliation	(p. 117 HB)	recuperation	(p.197 HB)
hypnotized	(p. 194 HB)	repatriation	(p.170 HB)
immigration	(p. 81 HB)	scythe	(p. 4 HB)
incline	(p. 2 HB)	squalor	(p.194 HB)
intimate	(p. 77 HB)	tendrils	(p.1 HB)
irritable	(p. 73 HB)	undulating	(p. 68 HB)
jalopy	(p. 88 HB)	valise	(p. 55 HB)

### ***Fever 1793***

abhorred	(p. 3 HB)	grippe	(p. 82 HB)
apothecary	(p.12 HB)	gumption	(p. 56 HB)
apprenticed	(p. 188 HB)	hoisted	(p. 164 HB)
brandish	(p. 142 HB)	impudence	(p. 111 HB)
cautioned	(p. 211 HB)	mangle	(p. 35 HB)
cobblestones	(p. 152 HB)	provisions	(p. 111 HB)
crumpled	(p. 53 HB)	purges	(p. 103 HB)
dawdling	(p. 10 HB)	quarrelsome	(p. 64 HB)
dilemma	(p. 49 HB)	scabbard	(p. 141 HB)
disastrous	(p. 185 HB)	shimmering	(p. 47 HB)
droned	(p. 2 HB)	squeaking	(p. 3 HB)
epidemic	(p. 59 HB)	unmentionable	(p. 4 HB)
fractious	(p. 64 HB)	whimpered	(p. 43 HB)
gnarled	(p. 94 HB)		

### ***Flight to Freedom***

commemorate	(p. 29 PB)	immigrants	(p. 42 PB)
comrades	(p. 22 PB)	inconsolable	(p. 94 PB)
conceited	(p. 17 PB)	indoctrination	(p. 3 PB)
confiscated	(p. 22 PB)	liberation	(p. 71 PB)
conscripted	(p. 94 PB)	militia	(p. 72 PB)
conspired	(p. 60 PB)	propaganda	(p. 4 PB)
deplorable	(p. 12 PB)	ration	(p. 6 PB)
emigrate	(p. 2 PB)	revolution	(p. 20 PB)
exile	(p. 34 PB)	turncoats	(p. 3 PB)
frivolous	(p. 14 PB)	vigil	(p. 52 PB)
hypocrite	(p. 31 PB)	visa	(p. 2 PB)

## *Flipped*

aesthetic	(p. 22 HB)	indebted	(p. 10 HB)
antagonize	(p. 8 HB)	inexplicable	(p. 111 HB)
calisthenics	(p. 21 HB)	melancholy	(p. 142 HB)
catapulted	(p. 13 HB)	pungent	(p. 132 HB)
condescending	(p. 157 HB)	sabotage	(p. 4 P HB)
derailleur	(p. 31 HB)	salmonella	(p. 58 HB)
dilapidated	(p. 55 HB)	scourge	(p. 21 HB)
dissertations	(p. 8 HB)	sensibilities	(p. 22 HB)
diva	(p. 15 HB)	sophisticated	(p. 4 HB)
gnarly	(p. 25 HB)	wake	(p. 21 HB)
implication	(p. 1 HB)		

## *The Gadget*

abyss	(p. 108 PB)	Kachina	(p. 90 PB)
ensor	(p. 9 PB)	monstrous	(p. 90 PB)
chaperons	(p. 81 PB)	panorama	(p. 35 PB)
chasm	(p. 157 PB)	perimeter	(p. 13 PB)
crouched	(p. 157 PB)	pueblo	(p. 81 PB)
disintegrated	(p. 7 PB)	Quonset hut	(p. 15 PB)
elodea	(p. 57 PB)	radioactivity	(p. 29 PB)
gurney	(p. 123 PB)	saboteurs	(p. 16 PB)
hawking	(p. 86 PB)	skeletal	(p. 27 PB)
humiliation	(p. 99 PB)	spire	(p. 144 PB)
intravenous	(p. 47 PB)		

## *The Ghost Sitter*

ague	(p. 69 PB)
bedrock	(p. 8 PB)
bristle	(p. 30 PB)
brood	(p. 36 PB)
casement window	(p. 14 PB)
definitive	(p. 55 PB)
elongated	(p. 44 PB)
hoist	(p. 17 PB)
internment	(p. 96 PB)
lure	(p. 31 PB)
medium	(p. 83 PB)
morbid	(p. 88 PB)
relentless	(p. 126 PB)
repressing	(p. 76 PB)
ruckus	(p. 58 PB)
scorn	(p. 16 PB)
séance	(p. 40 PB)
tedious	(p. 19 PB)
vandals	(p. 15 PB)

## *Rising Water*

absolutely	(p. 52 HB)	mentor	(p. 9 HB)
bailing	(p. 87 HB)	obviously	(p. 22 HB)
canopy	(p. 61 HB)	public service	(p. 5 HB)
currents	(p. 25 HB)	ridgeline	(p. 23 HB)
dispenser	(p. 10 HB)	sequence	(p. 17 HB)
environment	(p. 13 HB)	slogged	(p. 37 HB)
furiously	(p. 95 HB)	squishing	(p. 7 HB)
kayak	(p. 67 HB)	tarp	(p. 20 HB)
latticework	(p. 66 HB)	tremendous	(p. 100 HB)
mattered	(p. 74 HB)	veering	(p. 73 HB)
measly	(p. 41 HB)		

## *Skeleton Man*

automatically	(p. 34 HB)	melodramatic	(p. 34 HB)
commerce	(p. 30 HB)	paranoid	(p. 25 HB)
devour	(p. 75 HB)	pigeonholes	(p. 50 HB)
diminished	(p. 51 HB)	plea	(p. 73 HB)
doorjamb	(p. 92 HB)	rafters	(p. 19 HB)
gorge	(p. 4 HB)	ravine	(p. 105 HB)
hypnotic	(p. 108 HB)	rawhide	(p. 60 HB)
illumination	(p. 104 HB)	rummage	(p. 29 HB)
leverage	(p. 100 HB)	snowshoe	(p. 59 HB)
longhouse	(p. 3 HB)	venture	(p. 101 HB)
maneuver	(p. 100 HB)		

### ***Stand Tall***

acknowledged	(p. 125 HB)	momentousness	(p. 159 HB)
alienation	(p. 9 HB)	nondenominational	(p. 3 HB)
behemoth	(p. 29 HB)	paratroopers	(p. 5 HB)
commission	(p. 35 HB)	platoon	(p. 81 HB)
dysfunctional	(p. 6 HB)	prosthetic	(p. 16 HB)
flounced	(p. 113 HB)	reminiscences	(p. 103 HB)
flue	(p. 93 HB)	sarcasm	(p. 167 HB)
gargantuan	(p. 29 HB)	stalwart	(p. 83 HB)
genius	(p. 153 HB)	triumphant	(p. 182 HB)
ghastly	(p. 155 HB)		

### ***Surviving the Applewhites***

abstractedly	(p. 83 HB)
Ashram	(p. 215 HB)
blearily	(p. 112 HB)
choreography	(p. 107 HB)
delinquent	(p. 2 HB)
documentary	(p. 111 HB)
incessant	(p. 129 HB)
intention	(p. 1 HB)
mellifluous	(p. 213 HB)
metamorphosis	(p. 124 HB)
pathologically	(p. 3 HB)
patriarch	(p. 13 HB)
personified	(p. 11 HB)
probation	(p. 3 HB)
unmitigated	(p. 55 HB)
variegated	(p. 81 HB)

### *The Tale of Despereaux*

aspirations	(p. 169 HB)	indisputable	(p. 43 HB)
astute	(p. 99 HB)	indulged	(p. 43 HB)
beckoning	(p. 106 HB)	infringe	(p. 249 HB)
capacious	(p. 111 HB)	inordinate	(p. 88 HB)
concocted	(p. 110 HB)	ions	(p. 77 HB)
conform	(p. 25 HB)	ironies	(p. 77 HB)
consequences	(p. 117 HB)	meditation	(p. 118 HB)
consorts	(p. 43 HB)	monstrosity	(p. 79 HB)
covert	(p. 184 HB)	olfactory	(p. 158 HB)
dank	(p. 120 HB)	ominous	(p. 57 HB)
decreed	(p. 119 HB)	ornate	(p. 106 HB)
defiance	(p. 56 HB)	portentous	(p. 167 HB)
diabolical	(p. 171 HB)	pronouncement	(p. 163 HB)
dire	(p. 117 HB)	solace	(p. 119 HB)
distinctive	(p. 51 HB)	speculation	(p. 99 HB)
egregious	(p. 52 HB)	staccato	(p. 16 HB)
enchanted	(p. 104 HB)	treacherous	(p. 36 HB)
fervent	(p. 43 HB)	tribunal	(p. 77 HB)
gusto	(p. 238 HB)		

### *Trouble Don't Last*

addle-headed	(p. 157 PB)	mimic	(p. 53 PB)
bedbugs	(p. 139 PB)	outhouse	(p. 19 PB)
bootblack	(p. 8 PB)	patrollers	(p. 65 PB)
cellar	(p. 90 PB)	pestering	(p. 34 PB)
delirium	(p. 46 PB)	prickled	(p. 14 PB)
eavesdrop	(p. 43 PB)	remedies	(p. 10 PB)
fatback	(p. 28 PB)	rigor mortis	(p. 86 PB)
foretell	(p. 157 PB)	runt	(p. 10 PB)
haste	(p. 92 PB)	trough	(p. 7 PB)
hearthstones	(p. 6 PB)		

## *Undercurrents*

auspicious	(p. 32 HB)	institution	(p. 199 HB)
consternation	(p. 205 HB)	institutional	(p. 185 HB)
desolate	(p. 205 HB)	intercepted	(p. 2 HB)
discoloration	(p. 30 HB)	lethal	(p. 71 HB)
dolefully	(p. 31 HB)	momentarily	(p. 201 HB)
drab	(p. 190 HB)	pathetic	(p. 194 HB)
drenched	(p. 196 HB)	peculiar	(p. 191 HB)
eloquent	(p. 205 HB)	perpetrator	(p. 200 HB)
encased	(p. 197 HB)	platinum	(p. 197 HB)
folderol	(p. 103 HB)	twinge	(p. 194 HB)
hospice	(p. 4 HB)	undiplomatic	(p. 165 HB)