

# 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.

## *Andy Russell, Not Wanted by the Police*

admires	(p. 108 PB)	garbage	(p. 47 PB)
anxious	(p. 21 PB)	identity	(p. 15 PB)
appendage	(p. 104 PB)	illustration	(p. 49 PB)
collage	(p. 104 PB)	incognito	(p. 1 PB)
dangerous	(p. 12 PB)	intelligence	(p. 26 PB)
demonstrate	(p. 110 PB)	merge	(p. 104 PB)
emergency	(p. 66 PB)	microscope	(p. 71 PB)
energy	(p. 107 PB)	mysterious	(p. 47 PB)
fingerprint	(p. 9 PB)	sculpt	(p. 107 PB)
gallery	(p. 107 PB)	souvenirs	(p. 3 PB)

## ***Escaping the Giant Wave***

acrid	(p. 61 HB)	modem	(p. 136 HB)
baffled	(p. 6 HB)	mutual fund	(p. 8 HB)
capsize	(p. 81 HB)	nonchalant	(p. 17 HB)
challenge	(p. 2 HB)	premises	(p. 64 HB)
compromise	(p. 4 HB)	quartet	(p. 82 HB)
devious	(p. 4 HB)	remorse	(p. 124 HB)
frugality	(p. 13 HB)	skeptical	(p. 147 HB)
inhale	(p. 60 HB)	tsunami	(p. 30 HB)
inland	(p. 116 HB)	undergrowth	(p. 105 HB)
megaphone	(p. 143 HB)	vantage	(p. 101 HB)

## ***Gooney Bird Greene***

beloved	(p. 30 PB)	intermission	(p. 41 PB)
cliffhanger	(p. 16 PB)	lopsided	(p. 48 PB)
consumed	(p. 34 PB)	patiently	(p. 24 PB)
dangled	(p. 35 PB)	pinafore	(p. 35 PB)
descriptive	(p. 44 PB)	slithered	(p. 30 PB)
dialogue	(p. 16 PB)	sternly	(p. 26 PB)
draped	(p. 25 PB)	suspense	(p. 46 PB)
extinct	(p. 40 PB)	sushi	(p. 3 PB)
flashback	(p. 49 PB)	symphony	(p. 66 PB)
imaginary	(p. 9 PB)	tiara	(p. 44 PB)

## ***Granny Torrelli Makes Soup***

agitated	(p. 124 PB)
cavatelli	(p. 114 PB)
ghastly	(p. 55 PB)
knead	(p. 113 PB)
ladle	(p. 39 PB)
mangling	(p. 90 PB)
oregano	(p. 119 PB)
rummaging	(p. 15 PB)
throttle	(p. 91 PB)
zinnias	(p. 138 PB)

### ***Gregor the Overlander***

annihilation	(p. 66 PB)	plausible	(p. 135 PB)
ascent	(p. 50 PB)	plummeting	(p. 14 PB)
assent	(p. 109 PB)	prophecies	(p. 107 PB)
crevice	(p. 17 PB)	proximity	(p. 37 PB)
demeanor	(p. 131 PB)	prudence	(p. 131 PB)
echolocation	(p. 38 PB)	rancid	(p. 286 PB)
gnarled	(p. 69 PB)	repulsed	(p. 163 PB)
lucid	(p. 4 PB)	swath	(p. 142 PB)
mesmerizing	(p. 160 PB)	terse	(p. 33 PB)

### ***How Tía Lola Came to Visit Stay***

acquired	(p. 136 PB)	mutual	(p. 72 PB)
admission	(p. 60 PB)	potions	(p. 53 PB)
carpetbag	(p. 14 PB)	psychologist	(p. 21 PB)
descending	(p. 105 PB)	recognize	(p. 9 PB)
encouragement	(p. 22 PB)	sensitive	(p.108 PB)
glimpse	(p. 3 PB)	stereotypes	(p. 56 PB)
ingredients	(p. 15 PB)	superstitious	(p. 56 PB)
microphone	(p. 11 PB)	welcome	(p. 13 PB)

### ***Ida B***

aluminum	(p. 7 PB)	maximize	(p. 38 PB)
clasped	(p. 203 PB)	ornery	(p. 95 PB)
commotion	(p. 62 PB)	perpetual	(p. 21 PB)
dilemma	(p. 115 PB)	rambunctious	(p. 36 PB)
ferocious	(p. 166 PB)	ruckus	(p. 16 PB)
forbearance	(p. 9 PB)	sacrificial	(p. 91 PB)
forlorn	(p. 54 PB)	snickering	(p. 53 PB)
formulate	(p. 100 PB)	superb	(p. 146 PB)
impenetrable	(p. 21 PB)	tribulations	(p. 104 PB)
interfere	(p. 133 PB)	wallop	(p. 48 PB)

### ***Lewis and Clark and Me***

cunning	(p. 26 HB)	perseverance	(p. xv HB)
delicacy	(p. 29 HB)	rampaging	(p. 37 HB)
docility	(p. 7 HB)	reeked	(p. 25 HB)
fatigue	(p. 31 HB)	sentinel	(p. 36 HB)
gnats	(p. xiv HB)	torment	(p. xiv HB)
intense	(p. 40 HB)	treaty	(p. xiii HB)
marrow	(p. 33 HB)	triumphal	(p. 60 HB)
mutual	(p. 6 HB)	vibrate	(p. 37 HB)
obliged	(p. 51 HB)	yearn	(p. 3 HB)

### ***Million Dollar Kick***

aggravated	(p. 19 PB)	lob	(p. 168 PB)
ambled	(p. a54 PB)	medium (art)	(p. 133 PB)
awe (in awe of)	(p. 89 PB)	moronic	(p. 48 PB)
cleats	(p. 95 PB)	physics	(p. 97 PB)
crafty	(p. 88 PB)	ponder	(p. 34 PB)
deflect	(p. 138 PB)	quipped	(p. 81 PB)
excruciating	(p. 200 PB)	regaled	(p. 134 PB)
gnat	(p. 72 PB)	riveted	(p. 109 PB)
jet-lagged	(p. 7 PB)	swarm	(p. 2 PB)
juxtaposition	(p. 117 PB)	velocity	(p. 148 PB)

### ***Once Upon a Marigold***

anonymous	(p. 102 PB)	indignantly	(p. 17 PB)
assortment	(p. 23 PB)	indulgently	(p. 131 PB)
atone	(p. 92 PB)	ignited	(p. 216 PB)
bulwark	(p. 52 PB)	jerkin	(p. 4 PB)
collapsible	(p. 4 PB)	lacerating	(p. 33 PB)
consequences	(p. 136 PB)	menace	(p. 15 PB)
contraption	(p. 23 PB)	prevaricate	(p. 214 PB)
correspondence	(p. 102 PB)	promontory	(p. 23 PB)
fraught	(p. 122 PB)	tradition	(p. 9 PB)
haphazardly	(p. 6 PB)	wheeled	(p. 218 PB)

### ***Owen Foote, Super Spy***

anthropologist	(p. 44 HB)	laughingstock	(p. 6 HB)
arborist	(p. 16 HB)	methodical	(p. 56 HB)
avid	(p. 16 HB)	Morse code	(p. 17 HB)
camouflage	(p. 1 HB)	peonies	(p. 15 HB)
careening	(p. 65 HB)	septic tank	(p. 88 HB)
CIA	(p. 5 HB)	smirked	(p. 7 HB)
comrade-in-arms	(p. 72 HB)	techniques	(p. 16 HB)
flailing	(p. 9 HB)	voyeur	(p. 44 HB)
genetic	(p. 44 HB)	waistband	(p. 2 HB)
jockeying	(p. 55 HB)		

### ***Seaward Born***

brig	(p. 29 HB)	packet (ship)	(p. 35 HB)
callused	(p. 12 HB)	pallet	(p. 103 HB)
contorted	(p. 62 HB)	pettiauger	(p. 18 HB)
cowering	(p. 79 HB)	petticoats	(p. 46 HB)
dank	(p. 106 HB)	starboard	(p. 62 HB)
disparagingly	(p. 135 HB)	swabbing	(p. 1 HB)
gruel	(p. 71 HB)	tack	(p. 94 HB)
halyards	(p. 119 HB)	tankard	(p. 33 HB)
larboard	(p. 62 HB)	taunting	(p. 91 HB)
namesake	(p. 3 HB)	zealots	(p. 100 HB)

### ***Trading Places with Tank Talbott***

assuming	(p. 46 HB)	overflowed	(p. 7 HB)
attitude	(p. 5 HB)	pathetic	(p. 36 HB)
awesome	(p. 9 HB)	scrunched	(p. 32 HB)
dispenser	(p. 36 HB)	seriously	(p. 79 HB)
innocence	(p. 10 HB)	skeptically	(p. 113 HB)
lurched	(p. 56 HB)	tentacles	(p. 1 HB)
nervous	(p. 3 HB)	transition	(p. 15 HB)

### ***The World According to Humphrey***

bustled	(p. 109 PB)	pinning	(p. 120 PB)
cunning	(p. 110 PB)	pondering	(p. 48 PB)
gnaw	(p. 21 PB)	rippling	(p. 54 PB)
inkling	(p. 5 PB)	scowled	(p. 105 PB)
mealworms	(p. 38 PB)	species	(p. 1 PB)
nocturnal	(p. 9 PB)	sprawling	(p. 84 PB)
pagoda	(p. 3 PB)	vinegary	(p. 112 PB)

### ***The Young Man and the Sea***

barb	(p. 155 PB)	grapple	(p. 97 PB)
bilge	(p. 18 PB)	jetty	(p. 83 PB)
caulking	(p. 50 PB)	keel	(p. 31 PB)
chittering	(p. 9 PB)	skiff	(p. 135 PB)
chum	(p. 135 PB)	stern	(p. 143 PB)
filched	(p. 114 PB)	winch	(p. 12 PB)
gandering	(p. 45 PB)	vise	(p. 92 PB)