

# 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.

## *Al Capone Does My Shirts*

admirable	(p. 204 HB)	miraculously	(p. 94 HB)
affliction	(p. 8 HB)	natter	(p. 81 HB)
behaviorist	(p. 154 HB)	notorious	(p. 112 HB)
conniving	(p. 39 HB)	predictable	(p. 145 HB)
contraption	(p. 54 HB)	preposterous	(p. 112 HB)
deficiencies	(p. 156 HB)	psychiatrist	(p. 24 HB)
embezzler	(p. 3 HB)	similarity	(p. 71 HB)
humiliation	(p. 134 HB)		

### ***Chasing Vermeer***

attributions	(p. 204 PB)	incalculable	(p. 100 PB)
baba ghanoush	(p. 20 PB)	labyrinth	(p. 14 PB)
capering	(p. 42 PB)	lute	(p. 81 PB)
coincidence	(p. 3 PB)	pentominoes	(p. 13 PB)
collaborating	(p. 198 PB)	premises	(p. 44 PB)
credulity	(p. 44 PB)	pretentious	(p. 2 PB)
discriminating	(p. 1 PB)	propelled	(p. 192 PB)
disoriented	(p. 43 PB)	rational	(p. 200 PB)
exceptionally	(p. 11 PB)	symmetry	(p. 74 PB)
exhilarating	(p. 49 PB)	warping	(p. 90 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)

### ***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)

### *Halfway to the Sky*

approach	(p. 17 PB)	moleskin	(p. 52 PB)
depot	(p. 3 PB)	pneumonia	(p. 140 PB)
exasperated	(p. 114 PB)	remission	(p. 106 PB)
furrowed	(p. 115 PB)	renderings	(p. 114 PB)
genetic	(p. 69 PB)	sabbaticals	(p. 79 PB)
hemlock	(p. 35 PB)	summit	(p. 6 PB)
impractical	(p. 21 PB)	sympathetic	(p. 114 PB)
jig	(p. 103 PB)	topographic	(p. 33 PB)
ligament	(p. 112 PB)	trudged	(p. 15 PB)
logistics	(p. 54 PB)	uncomplicated	(p. 38 PB)

### *Heir Apparent*

culprit	(p. 225 PB)	permutations	(p. 38 PB)
disembark	(p. 6 PB)	pikes	(p. 298 PB)
dithering	(p. 81 PB)	poaching	(p. 63 PB)
gullible	(p. 30 PB)	pun	(p. 145 PB)
inane	(p. 142 PB)	rations	(p. 132 PB)
insinuate	(p. 26 PB)	scabbard	(p. 133 PB)
irrelevant	(p. 134 PB)	singe	(p. 303 PB)
nuances	(p. 15 PB)	snippets	(p. 14 PB)
omen	(p. 11 PB)	threshold	(p. 162 PB)
ominous	(p. 10 PB)	voluminous	(p. 140 PB)
		wafting	(p. 7 PB)

### *How to Disappear Completely and Never Be Found*

allotted	(p. 104 HB)	initiative	(p. 103 HB)
clockwork	(p. 8 HB)	pedestrian	(p. 83 HB)
conventional	(p. 119 HB)	pendulum	(p. 91 HB)
exhalation	(p. 4 HB)	predictable	(p. 5 HB)
flustered	(p. 113 HB)	stragglers	(p. 86 HB)

### *Never Mind!*

articulate	(p. 23 HB)	elegance	(p. 164 HB)
cliché	(p. 41 HB)	gullibility	(p. 40 HB)
cliques	(p. 13 HB)	leverage	(p. 13 HB)
coincidentally	(p. 5 HB)	propelling	(p. 49 HB)
conjured	(p. 29 HB)	quadrilateral	(p. 31 HB)
dismissive	(p. 24 HB)	self-deprecating	(p. 27 HB)

### *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)

### *One True Friend*

bellowing	(p. 111 PB)	humiliated	(p. 78 PB)
deadline	(p. 59 PB)	imaginary	(p. 75 PB)
determined	(p. 8 PB)	intensely	(p. 72 PB)
elongated	(p. 72 PB)	ridiculous	(p. 75 PB)
excitement	(p. 115 PB)		

### ***Sahara Special***

accountability	(p. 70 PB)	cynics	(p. 44 PB)
alliances	(p. 65 PB)	evidence	(p. 4 PB)
architecture	(p. 78 PB)	mandated	(p. 49 PB)
assignment	(p. 3 PB)	persuaded	(p. 63 PB)
bureaucrat	(p. 44 PB)	repercussions	(p. 11 PB)
cantering	(p. 120 PB)	retention	(p. 11 PB)
consideration	(p. 42 PB)	thespian	(p. 46 PB)

### ***The Unseen***

altercation	(p. 150 PB)	filament	(p. 17 PB)
caustic	(p. 128 PB)	inclination	(p. 12 PB)
chimeras	(p. 84 PB)	intrigued	(p. 78 PB)
commune	(p. 75 PB)	ravenous	(p. 53 PB)
decrepit	(p. 24 PB)	reverberate	(p. 189 PB)
conceited	(p. 21 PB)	rickety	(p. 76 PB)
determination	(p. 52 PB)	saturated	(p. 4 PB)
dimension	(p. 17 PB)	shimmering	(p. 40 PB)
entities	(p. 1 PB)	sinister	(p. 101 PB)
evicted	(p. 7 PB)	solemnly	(p. 40 PB)
feral	(p. 28 PB)	temperament	(p. 20 PB)
fiendishly	(p. 56 PB)	wince	(p. 191 PB)

### ***When My Name Was Keoko***

commandeering	(p. 75 HB)	heeding	(p. 38 HB)
commotion	(p. 76 HB)	independence	(p. 40 HB)
congratulates	(p. 121 HB)	intricate	(p. 42 HB)
definitely	(p. 66 HB)	kilometers	(p. 128 HB)
disrespectful	(p. 45 HB)	megaphone	(p. 74 HB)
extraordinary	(p. 140 HB)	resistance	(p. 71 HB)
flickering	(p. 50 HB)	solemn	(p. 9 HB)
graciously	(p. 5 HB)	supposed	(p. 2 HB)

## *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)