

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 Blue Ghost

afear'd	(p. 60 PB)	helter-skelter	(p. 10 PB)
brassy	(p. 61 PB)	hoarse	(p. 61 PB)
cast-iron	(p. 28 PB)	hodgepodge	(p.10 PB)
croup	(p. 58 PB)	inky	(p. 1 PB)
deep-set	(p. 7 PB)	moth-eaten	(p. 81 PB)
droning	(p. 78 PB)	muzzy	(p. 21 PB)
gasping	(p. 58 PB)	screech	(p. 53 PB)
goose bumps	(p. 53 PB)	vivid	(p. 37 PB)
hasp	(p. 65 PB)	wheezing	(p. 69 PB)

Clementine

allergic	(p. 49 HB)	maneuvers	(p. 75 HB)
appointment	(p. 61 HB)	moisturizer	(p. 133 HB)
arthritis	(p. 45 HB)	nitrogen	(p. 67 HB)
coincidence	(p. 72 HB)	orthodontist	(p. 47 HB)
consequences	(p. 127 HB)	parasol	(p. 21 HB)
detective	(p. 41 HB)	riddance	(p. 121 HB)
exquisite	(p. 21 HB)	suspicious	(p. 52 HB)
fierce	(p. 95 HB)	wok	(p. 61 HB)
lentils	(p. 42 HB)		

Dexter the Tough

bone marrow	(p. 72 PB)	imitation	(p. 82 PB)
chemo	(p. 95 PB)	longingly	(p. 56 PB)
disinfected	(p. 50 PB)	perspective	(p. 67 PB)
donor	(p. 93 PB)	revision	(p. 16 PB)
dutifully	(p. 20 PB)	self-sufficient	(p. 52 PB)

engineering degree (p. 52 PB)
enthusiastic (p. 3 PB)
experimental (p. 72 PB)
extension (p. 98 PB)
imitated (p. 119 PB)

sentence fragment (p. 58 PB)
therapeutic (p. 126 PB)
transplant (p. 72 PB)
winced (p. 80 PB)

The Ghost's Grave

affidavits (p. 190 PB)
ageism (p. 5 PB)
chafed (p. 129 PB)
coke (p. 65 PB)
corrugated (p. 38 PB)
crack shot (p. 9 PB)
fuddy-duddy (p. 22 PB)
hoists (p. 69 PB)
monsoon (p. 199 PB)
motes (p. 46 PB)

nonchalant (p. 56 PB)
plea (p. 192 PB)
quarry (p. 98 PB)
resumes (p. 21 PB)
scuttled (p. 46 PB)
smithereens (p. 11 PB)
stance (p. 17 PB)
transient (p. 52 PB)
unscrupulous (p. 167 PB)
vindictive (p. 177 PB)

The Homework Machine

ballistic (p. 43 HB)
blunder (p. 24 HB)
bothered (p. 9 HB)
catapult (p. 40 HB)
coincidence (p. 64 HB)
defiant (p. 21 HB)
discrimination (p. 6 HB)
experienced (p. 7 HB)
gravitated (p. 60 HB)
hideous (p. 49 HB)

humiliating (p. 5 HB)
intrigued (p. 57 HB)
invasion (p. 32 HB)
obnoxious (p. 47 HB)
pestered (p. 27 HB)
projectile (p. 40 HB)
responsibility (p. 24 HB)
studious (p. 11 HB)
totalitarian (p. 19 HB)
unique (p. 13 HB)

Listen!

concussion (p. 4 HB)
deliberately (p. 22 HB)
dwindled (p. 151 HB)
flailing (p. 92 HB)
frisks (p. 51 HB)
intermittently (p. 154 HB)
interrupting (p. 33 HB)
jaunty (p. 186 HB)
mysterious (p. 35 HB)
obvious (p. 137 HB)

perpetually (p. 81 HB)
plough (p. 59 HB)
plume (p. 96 HB)
ramshackle (p. 146 HB)
sheltered (p. 20 HB)
slathers (p. 114 HB)
snatching (p. 134 HB)
trickling (p. 19 HB)
tussling (p. 60 HB)
vanishes (p. 62 HB)

The Missing Manatee

brackish (p. 5 HB)
carcass (p. 155 HB)
cast (p. 82 HB)

eligible (p. 48 HB)
fruitless (p. 116 HB)
incredulous (p. 148 HB)

chortle	(p. 14 HB)	maneuvered	(p. 62 HB)
conniption	(p. 104 HB)	motive	(p. 56 HB)
dubiously	(p. 73 HB)	penetrating	(p. 129 HB)

No Talking

conservation	(p. 115 HB)	miracle	(p. 49 HB)
courteous	(p. 33 HB)	nudged	(p. 77 HB)
discrimination	(p. 101 HB)	recruits	(p. 18 HB)
disorderly	(p. 32 HB)	rousing	(p. 106 HB)
enlightening	(p. 140 HB)	skirmish	(p. 79 HB)
experiment	(p. 2 HB)	stereotypes	(p. 100 HB)
ignorant	(p. 21 HB)	stratospheric	(p. 140 HB)
illegal	(p. 23 HB)	suspense	(p. 45 HB)
interjection	(p. 77 HB)	tolerance	(p. 19 HB)
maniacs	(p. 66 HB)	vandalism	(p. 32 HB)

Phineas L. MacGuire. . . Erupts!

ballistic	(p. 73 PB)	dander	(p. 99 PB)
canister	(p. 33 PB)	humane	(p. 135 PB)
cannibal	(p. 34 PB)	obnoxious	(p. 77 PB)
Cassette tape	(p. 146 PB)	penicillin	(p. 48 PB)
collaborate	(p. 37 PB)	signature	(p. 65 PB)
concentrate	(p. 91 PB)	simulation	(p. 112 PB)

Roxie and the Hooligans

admonition	(p. 11 PB)	morosely	(p. 80 PB)
avalanche	(p. 11 PB)	pitfalls	(p. 2 PB)
barge	(p. 28 PB)	rogue	(p. 60 PB)
brigade	(p. 90 PB)	seeping	(p. 6 PB)
burlap	(p. 77 PB)	sniveling	(p. 37 PB)
crumpet	(p. 3 PB)	spluttered	(p. 26 PB)
furrowed	(p. 30 PB)	squalling	(p. 92 PB)
gingersnaps	(p. 112 PB)	taunt	(p. 57 PB)
gravel	(p. 19 PB)	throttle	(p. 27 PB)
harrowing	(p. 5 PB)	truce	(p. 18 PB)

Rules

accommodate	(p. 69 PB)	gauzy	(p. 52 PB)
autism	(p. 8 PB)	grimacing	(p. 81 PB)
cellar	(p. 6 PB)	murky	(p. 111 PB)
crimson	(p. 60 PB)	pilings	(p. 150 PB)
Down syndrome	(p. 16 PB)	realtor	(p. 4 PB)
embarrassing	(p. 60 PB)	thrashing	(p. 64 PB)
frustrating	(p. 78 PB)	wharf	(p. 151 PB)

The Sloppy Copy Slipup

actually	(p 7 HB)	frantically	(p. 83 HB)
banished	(first two pages HB)	genius	(p. 87 HB)
bonafide	(p. 64 HB)	illuminate	(p. 71 HB)
comrade	(p. 38 HB)	motto	(p. 2 HB)
descriptive	(p. 30 HB)	simile	(p. 28 HB)
destined	(p. 97 HB)	sloppy copy	(p. 83 HB)
disastrous	(first two pages HB)	outstanding	(p. 1 HB)
distraction	(p.30 HB)	unfortunate	(first two pages HB)
exceptional	(p. 1 HB)	universal	(first two pages HB)
fielding	(p. 1 HB)		

Stumptown Kid

caliber	(p. 127 HB)	nastiness	(p. 3 HB)
circulation	(p. 49 HB)	pinpoint	(p. 82 HB)
clammy	(p. 146 HB)	shrugging	(p. 222 HB)
concentrate	(p. 125 HB)	silhouette	(p. 215 HB)
embarrassment	(p. 83 HB)	sizzling	(p. 150 HB)
hustle	(p. 122 HB)	sneer	(p. 109 HB)
impossible	(p. 108 HB)	squinting	(p. 2 HB)
influence	(p. 94 HB)	stomped	(p. 122 HB)
miracle	(p. 111 HB)	whether	(p. 124 HB)

The Stupendous Dodgeball Fiasco

barbaric	(p. 164 HB)	injunction	(p. 96 HB)
burgeoning	(p. 168 HB)	lingo	(p. 26 HB)
conceivable	(p. 165 HB)	ominous	(p. 37 HB)
conviction	(p. 157 HB)	petition	(p. 60 HB)
decorum	(p. 165 HB)	proclamation	(p. 84 HB)
dwindled	(p. 18 HB)	rendered	(p. 112 HB)
equilibrium	(p. 44 HB)	ruckus	(p. 154 HB)
flagrant	(p. 165 HB)	skirmish	(p. 103 HB)
frivolous	(p. 156 HB)	transgression	(p. 77 HB)
futile	(p. 164 HB)	wincing	(p. 67 HB)

The Thing about Georgie

absentmindedly	(p. 29 HB)	dwarf	(p. 6 HB)
assassination	(p. 204 HB)	humiliating	(p. 188 HB)
bowed	(p. 24 HB)	lever	(p. 16 HB)
commander in chief	(p. 23 HB)	mustered	(p. 24 HB)
constitution	(p. 23 HB)	orchestra	(p. 19 HB)
contemplated	(p. 170 HB)	pluck	(p. 20 HB)
critic	(p. 105 HB)	strenuous	(p. 32 HB)
darting	(p. 151 HB)	symphony	(p. 19 HB)
detour	(p. 5 HB)	ushered	(p. 35 HB)
draft	(p. 23 HB)	virtuoso	(p. 210 & 220 HB)