

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.

Adam Canfield of the Slash

adamant	(p. 63 HB)	mandatory	(p. 104 HB)
astute	(p. 80 HB)	nixed	(p. 34 HB)
aura	(p. 97 HB)	punctuality	(p. 18 HB)
chaotic	(p. 100 HB)	qualm	(p. 182 HB)
devoured	(p. 96 HB)	quest	(p. 97 HB)
disguise	(p. 7 HB)	savvy	(p. 106 HB)
envision	(p. 88 HB)	submission	(p. 186 HB)
evergreen	(p. 6 HB)	transposition	(p. 102 HB)
fathom	(p. 194 HB)	unconventional	(p. 86 HB)
hubris	(p. 110 HB)	vague	(p. 49 HB)

Black Duck

braying	(p. 9 PB)	fume	(p. 29 PB)
brusque	(p. 59 PB)	glutinous	(p. 229 PB)
caliber	(p. 48 PB)	Hamlet	(p. 21 PB)
countrified	(p. 165 PB)	havoc	(p. 173 PB)
decrepit	(p. 125 PB)	revered	(p. 34 PB)
extortion	(p. 19 PB)	scurrilous	(p. 212 PB)
fastidiously	(p. 49 PB)	scuttling	(p. 47 PB)
ferret	(p. 7 PB)	sodden	(p. 18 PB)
fraudulence	(p. 38 PB)	stealthy	(p. 47 PB)
froth	(p. 44 PB)	unbeknownst	(p. 158 PB)

Eggs

abode	(p. 75 PB)	palisade	(p. 212 PB)
demonstration	(p. 33 PB)	pantomimed	(p. 69 PB)
fumbled	(p. 7 PB)	poleaxed	(p. 85 PB)
invincible	(p. 24 PB)	preposterous	(p. 70 PB)
limpid	(p. 24 PB)	sauntered	(p. 24 PB)
lurching	(p. 12 PB)	scavengers	(p. 62 PB)
nonchalantly	(p. 132 PB)	speculated	(p. 79 PB)
overwhelmed	(p. 52 PB)	trudging	(p. 12 PB)
painfully	(p. 6 PB)	unintentionally	(p. 83 PB)

The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp

acquiesced	(p. 108 HB)	inquisitive	(p. 28 HB)
astronomical	(p. 29 HB)	insignificant	(p. 148 HB)
banishment	(p. 121 HB)	mustered	(p. 89 HB)
consummate	(p. 30 HB)	negotiate	(p. 54 HB)
contingent	(p. 108 HB)	rebuke	(p. 141 HB)
desolate	(p. 123 HB)	reluctance	(p. 148 HB)
impetuous	(p. 149 HB)	reverberated	(p. 54 HB)
incorruptible	(p. 30 HB)	wincing	(p. 109 HB)

Hurt Go Happy

Cerebral Palsy	(p. 41 PB)	interpret	(p. 34 PB)
chanterelles	(p. 17 PB)	mantra	(p. 81 PB)
deliberately	(p. 94 PB)	Meningitis	(p. 32 PB)
dog legged	(p. 127 PB)	mimic	(p. 68 PB)
duff	(p. 18 PB)	ominous	(p. 127 PB)
fester	(p. 104 PB)	overwhelmed	(p. 159 PB)
flinched	(p. 70 PB)	Pygmy	(p.33 PB)
girdled	(p. 17 PB)	sweltering	(p. 12 PB)

Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life

anticipation	(p. 263 PB)	obnoxious	(p. 164 PB)
bizarre	(p. 267 PB)	observations	(p. 226 PB)
commute	(p. 73 PB)	permeated	(p. 128 PB)
cryptically	(p. 198 PB)	philatelist	(p. 287 PB)
decipher	(p. 280 PB)	primordial	(p. 188 PB)
determination	(p. 283 PB)	scrutinize	(p. 35 PB)
exasperation	(p. 147 PB)	sentimental	(p. 235 PB)
generates	(p. 53 PB)	skirting	(p. 94 PB)
haphazardly	(p. 3 PB)	traditional	(p. 227 PB)
mnemonic	(p. 137 PB)	wretched	(p. 242 PB)

Kimchi & Calamari

betraying	(p. 41 HB)	maracas	(p. 110 HB)
colander	(p. 110 HB)	nonfiction	(p. 125 HB)
concentrate	(p. 158 HB)	obstacles	(p. 164 HB)
connoisseur	(p. 153 HB)	persistent	(p. 35 HB)
delusions	(p. 157 HB)	plagiarism	(p. 119 HB)
equivalent	(p. 35 HB)	quartet	(p. 37 HB)
exhausted	(p. 36 HB)	stanchions	(p. 26 HB)
genealogy	(p. 18 HB)	sulked	(p. 115 HB)
immigrants	(p. 36 HB)	sympathetic	(p. 169 HB)
insulted	(p. 139 HB)	teleported	(p. 42 HB)

The Kingdom Keepers

admonished	(p.105 HB)	incredulous	(p. 191 HB)
ampersands	(p. 99 HB)	insolent	(p. 284 HB)
buoyant	(p. 2 HB)	majestically	(p. 4 HB)
conscript	(p. 62 HB)	mimicked	(p. 30 HB)
elaborately	(p. 61 HB)	pompous	(p. 14 HB)
grotesquely	(p. 37 HB)	skeptically	(p. 48 HB)
hologram	(p. 16 HB)	stanchions	(p. 32 HB)
hybrid	(p. 71 HB)	translucent	(p. 5 HB)
Imagineer	(p. 8 HB)	treacherous	(p. 162 HB)
impeding	(p. 111 HB)	trepidation	(p. 12 HB)

Out of Patience

acrostic	(p. 113 PB)	oscillating	(p. 36 PB)
apocalypse	(p. 100 PB)	pragmatism	(p. 49 PB)
barrage	(p. 2 PB)	procured	(p. 264 PB)
contempt	(p. 224 PB)	putrid	(p. 51 PB)
depression	(p. 59 PB)	qualification	(p. 101 PB)
devious	(p.182 PB)	reparations	(p. 275 PB)
dispersed	(p. 175 PB)	reservoir	(p. 52 PB)
gauntlet	(p. 127 PB)	stifled	(p. 39 PB)
impurity	(p.157 PB)	synapse	(p. 112 PB)
leering	(p. 217 PB)	temperance	(p. 47 PB)

Peak

arraigned	(p. 9 HB)	optimistic	(p. 16 HB)
asphyxiation	(p. 57 HB)	parenthetical	(p. 1 HB)
auspicious	(p. 93 HB)	precarious	(p. 3 HB)
bovines	(p. 108 HB)	pristine	(p. 73 HB)
cagey	(p. 49 HB)	rappel	(p. 63 HB)
contraband	(p. 65 HB)	resolve	(p. 5 HB)
dapper	(p. 18 HB)	sabotage	(p. 139 HB)

duress	(p. 20 HB)	sauntered	(p. 97 HB)
elicited	(p. 16 HB)	scaffolds	(p. 7 HB)
enunciating	(p. 13 HB)	summit	(p. 49 HB)

Red Kayak

callous	(p. 12 PB)	parka	(p. 7 PB)
chortled	(p. 10 PB)	petitioning	(p. 78 PB)
compelling	(p. 203 PB)	piling	(p. 29 PB)
corrode	(p. 4 PB)	pots	(p. 3 PB)
debris	(p. 78 PB)	scowl	(p. 11 PB)
harbored	(p. 199 PB)	sediment	(p. 53 PB)
harried	(p. 48 PB)	skiff	(p. 22 PB)
hassock	(p. 41 PB)	starboard	(p. 23 PB)
jimmies	(p. 4 PB)	stealthily	(p. 13 PB)
molt	(p. 74 PB)	stern	(p. 22 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 Sacrifice

admonished	(p. 34 PB)	magistrates	(p. 99 PB)
bemoan	(p. 16 PB)	morrow	(p. 9 PB)
bodice	(p. 2 PB)	parishioners	(p. 22 PB)
chamber pot	(p. 12 PB)	pewter	(p. 7 & 33 PB)
congregants	(p. 84 PB)	repentant	(p. 3 PB)
damnation	(p. 29 PB)	reprimand	(p. 82 PB)
devilry	(p. 46 PB)	Sabbath	(p. 7 PB)
devout	(p. 23 PB)	stocks	(p. 3 PB)
foreboding	(p. 67 PB)	transgression	(p. 14 PB)
insolence	(p. 82 PB)	wager	(p. 5, 15, 45, 49 PB)

Shakespeare's Secret

annulled	(p. 90 HB)	percolated	(p. 52 HB)
archivist	(p. 9 HB)	portraiture	(p. 190 HB)
belligerently	(p. 80 HB)	protocol	(p. 166 HB)
besmirched	(p. 154 HB)	prudence	(p. 57 HB)
blaze	(p. 13 HB)	pruning	(p. 11 HB)
chagrin	(p. 22 HB)	quandary	(p. 78 HB)
courtier	(p. 43 HB)	reclusive	(p. 33 HB)

digressed	(p. 43 HB)	regalia	(p. 170 HB)
docent	(p. 91 HB)	resurgence	(p. 146 HB)
etched	(p. 187 HB)	reverie	(p. 37 HB)
forego	(p. 59 HB)	senile	(p. 31 HB)
fretful	(p. 27 HB)	skeptically	(p. 41 HB)
futilely	(p. 54 HB)	slander	(p. 176 HB)
heirloom	(p. 33 HB)	staccato	(p. 23 HB)
illustrious	(p. 75 HB)	succumbing	(p. 80 HB)
impropriety	(p. 174 HB)	theorists	(p. 154 HB)
murmur	(p. 23 HB)	trill	(p. 13 HB)
obliviously	(p. 49 HB)	tweedy	(p. 10 HB)
octaves	(p. 8 HB)	ubiquitous	(p. 203 HB)
parched	(p. 55 HB)	unobtrusively	(p. 53 HB)

Whisper in the Dark

abolitionist	(p. 59 HB)	melancholy	(p. 53 HB)
amphitheatre	(p. 96 HB)	miscreant	(p. 109 HB)
catastrophe	(p. 134 HB)	monologue	(p. 50 HB)
composure	(p. xii HB)	morbid	(p. 16 HB)
forthcoming	(p. 103 HB)	motif	(p. 141 HB)
guerilla	(p. 11 HB)	mutilations	(p. 132 HB)
homicidal	(p. 138 HB)	rant	(p. 111 HB)
hysterical	(p. 52 HB)	rendevous	(p. 130 HB)
intuition	(p. 3 HB)	reverie	(p. 64 HB)
mansard roofs	(p. 52 HB)	suffocation	(p. 142 HB)