

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.

Airball: My Life in Briefs

combine	(p. 159 PB)	panhandle	(p. 171 PB)
discernible	(p. 149 PB)	pivoted	(p. 164 PB)
drafty	(p. 139 PB)	representative	(p. 179 PB)
evidence	(p. 135 PB)	scrawny	(p. 28 PB)
frustrating	(p. 153 PB)	scrimmage	(p. 117 PB)
hemorrhage	(p. 48 PB)	sidled	(p. 5 PB)
humiliation	(p. 80 PB)	skimpy	(p. 130 PB)
hunkered	(p. 101 PB)	splayed	(p. 61 PB)
meandered	(p. 8 PB)	superstitious	(p. 191 PB)
nonexistent	(p. 134 PB)	thundered	(p. 195 PB)

All the Lovely Bad Ones

catalyst	(p. 54 HB)	nauseated	(p. 168 HB)
exasperated	(p. 61 HB)	paranormal	(p. 73 HB)
facsimile	(p. 161 HB)	phenomenon	(p. 14 HB)
highfalutin	(p. 162 HB)	potent	(p. 46 HB)
hospitality	(p. 8 HB)	reluctance	(p. 43 HB)
impersonate	(p. 19 HB)	skeptic	(p. 60 HB)
impudent	(p. 8 HB)	stumbling	(p. 45 HB)
insensitivity	(p. 57 HB)	subspecies	(p. 55 HB)
insolence	(p. 100 HB)	taciturn	(p. 16 HB)
melancholy	(p. 53 HB)	trellis	(p. 3 HB)

Dragon Slippers

audacious	(p. 173 HB)	laconic	(p. 86 HB)
cajoling	(p. 32 HB)	mellifluous	(p. 37 HB)
craven	(p. 25 HB)	obligation	(p. 50 HB)
debatable	(p. 31 HB)	raucous	(p. 69 HB)
disgruntled	(p. 6 HB)	reminisce	(p. 40 HB)
disingenuous	(p. 174 HB)	ricocheted	(p. 33 HB)
eloquent	(p. 82 HB)	starvation	(p. 1 HB)
gauntleted	(p. 26 HB)	swains	(p. 6 HB)
histrionics	(p. 67 HB)	tapestry	(p. 15 HB)
impoverished	(p. 2 HB)	whittled	(p. 2 HB)

The Entertainer and the Dybbuk

balmy	(p. 34 HB)	mortifying	(p. 159 HB)
bedbugs	(p. 9 HB)	phonograph	(p. 94 HB)
broadsides	(p. 123 HB)	presumably	(p. 76 HB)
cabaret	(p. 101 HB)	shlemiel	(p. 134 HB)
confounded	(p. 169 HB)	shtick	(p. 112 HB)
denominations	(p. 43 HB)	terrain	(p. 114 HB)
dybbuk	(p. 5 HB)	Typhus	(p. 143 HB)
funk	(p. 139 HB)	vermin	(p. 80 HB)
gullet	(p. 148 HB)	weevils	(p. 118 HB)
heckler	(p. 18 HB)	yarmulke	(p. 105 HB)

First Light

adept	(p. 258 PB)	glacier	(p. 7 PB)
ambergris	(p. 37 PB)	Inuit	(p. 19 PB)
annihilation	(p. 185 PB)	literal	(p. 108 PB)
apt	(p. 203 PB)	magma	(p. 200 PB)
artifact	(p. 6 PB)	middling	(p. 296 PB)
avert	(p. 230 PB)	mortar-pestle	(p. 48 PB)
benign	(p. 16 PB)	oblivion	(p. 236 PB)
berate	(p. 227 PB)	obscure	(p. 261 PB)
bereft	(p. 297 PB)	seer	(p. 268 PB)
cursory	(p. 195 PB)	tumultuous	(p. 228 PB)
discreet	(p. 10 PB)	vehement	(p. 185 PB)
fortnight	(p. 37 PB)	whelp	(p. 247 PB)
furtive	(p. 17 PB)		

Found

apprehension	p. 42 HB	inexplicably	p. 74 HB
bizarre	p. 175 HB	insinuations	p. 2 HB
bland	p. 71 HB	intriguing	p. 114 HB
clairvoyant	p. 5 HB	paranoia	p. 171 HB
clichés	p. 116 HB	paranoid	p. 76 HB
generic	p. 146 HB	protocol	p. 164 HB
genetics	p. 53 HB	substantial	p. 68 HB
hallucinations	p. 169 HB	tachyons	p. 173 HB
hyperventilating	p. 125 HB	taunted	p. 27 HB
impede	p. 51 HB	testimonial	p. 75 HB

Gabriel's Horses

buoyed	(p. 96 HB)	pommel	(p. 44 HB)
canter	(p. 12 HB)	portico	(p. 68 HB)
colic	(p. 33 HB)	procure	(p. 17 HB)
din	(p. 139 HB)	pungent	(p. 90 HB)
emancipation	(p. 147 HB)	renegade	(p. 54 HB)
flaxen	(p. 5 HB)	sabers	(p. 138 HB)
gelding	(p. 8 HB)	saunters	(p. 60 HB)
guffaw	(p. 119 HB)	sorrel	(p. 36 HB)
joshing	(p. 3 HB)	valise	(p. 23 HB)
paddock	(p. 108 HB)	vigilant	(p. 14 HB)

Go Big or Go Home

adrenaline	(p. 21 HB)	fretted	(p. 9 HB)
adversary	(p. 22 HB)	marauding	(p. 16 HB)
ambled	(p. 20 HB)	mauled	(p. 25 HB)
ballistic	(p. 16 HB)	ominous	(p. 65 HB)
behemoth	(p. 98 HB)	perimeter	(p. 16 HB)
catapult	(p. 23 HB)	premises	(p. 35 HB)
constellation	(p. 2 HB)	rendezvous	(p. 32 HB)
coroner	(p. 17 HB)	stupefied	(p. 3 HB)
dander	(p. 12 HB)	trump	(p. 8 HB)
demented	(p. 20 HB)		

Hot, Sour, Salty, Sweet

admonishes	(p. 38 HB)	gouge	(p. 61 HB)
auspicious	(p. 28 HB)	imperiously	(p. 25 HB)
biased	(p. 18 HB)	mortarboard	(p. 4 HB)
bouillon	(p. 34 HB)	parchment	(p. 34 HB)
commemorative	(p. 43 HB)	salutatorian	(p. 2 HB)
diplomat	(p. 110 HB)	valedictorian	(p. 2 HB)

Into the Wild

apparently	(p. 11 HB)	influx	(p. 16 HB)
blanched	(p. 17 HB)	interfering	(p. 234 HB)
concocted	(p. 130 HB)	malicious	(p. 141 HB)
gawked	(p. 78 HB)	penetrate	(p. 229 HB)
hibernate	(p. 12 HB)	persuaded	(p. 14 HB)
hysterical	(p. 64 HB)	plummet	(p. 57 HB)
illuminate	(p. 56 HB)	roiling	(p. 132 HB)
imprisoned	(p. 163 HB)	sauntered	(p. 127 HB)
inception	(p. 151 HB)	unprecedented	(p. 105 HB)
indestructible	(p. 21 HB)	wheedling	(p. 32 HB)

La Línea

admonished	(p. 22 HB)	liability	(p. 43 HB)
cartels	(p. 51 HB)	notaries	(p. 45 HB)
coyote	(p. 15 HB)	omen	(p. 64 HB)
crevice	(p. 7 HB)	pliable	(p. 87 HB)
exasperated	(p. 11 HB)	portico	(p. 52 HB)
fugitives	(p. 58 HB)	pungent	(p. 5 HB)
gorge	(p. 8 HB)	quizzically	(p. 86 HB)
holster	(p. 44 HB)	quota	(p. 75 HB)
incompetence	(p. 75 HB)	rancid	(p. 55 HB)
irrational	(p. 91 HB)	stamina	(p. 92 HB)

The Misadventures of Maude March

almanac	(p. 156 HB)	hollow	(p. 141 HB)
arrears	(p. 11 HB)	keening	(p. 235 HB)
bole	(p. 175 HB)	plaintive	(p. 41 HB)
chide	(p. 223 HB)	qualm	(p. 223 HB)
cordial	(p. 232 HB)	recompense	(p. 97 HB)
foray	(p. 65 HB)	resolve	(p. 168 HB)
grimace	(p. 200 HB)	suitable	(p. 17 HB)
hardtack	(p. 275 HB)	untoward	(p. 93 HB)

Runaway

adornment	(p. 111 HB)	loath	(p. 53 HB)
anonymous	(p. 128 HB)	luxurious	(p. 12 HB)
catapulted	(p. 41 HB)	mangy	(p. 111 HB)
cinquain	(p. 2 HB)	paranoid	(p. 104 HB)
decoy	(p. 134 HB)	ritzy	(p. 112 HB)
deranged	(p. 105 HB)	romanticized	(p. 33 HB)
duped	(p. 171 HB)	shakedown	(p. 154 HB)
frolic	(p. 104 HB)	skittish	(p. 13 HB)
limerick	(p. 9 HB)	timbre	(p. 5 HB)

Schooled

adulation	(p. 118 HB)	genuine	(p. 29 HB)
anonymous	(p. 70 HB)	kamikaze	(p. 137 HB)
audible	(p. 131 HB)	lamented	(p. 84 HB)
autonomous	(p. 31 HB)	manipulator	(p. 126 HB)
berserk	(p. 66 HB)	obnoxious	(p. 179 HB)
bewildered	(p. 16 HB)	philanthropy	(p. 122 HB)
cesspool	(p. 40 HB)	psychedelic	(p. 42 HB)
constituents	(p. 36 HB)	sentimentality	(p. 112 HB)
contortion	(p. 55 HB)	Sitar	(p. 11 HB)
Foucault pendulum	(p. 6 HB)	trajectory	(p. 34 HB)

Wing Nut

announcement	(p. 113 HB)	guarantee	(p. 45 HB)
catapult	(p. 227 HB)	hypnotized	(p. 44 HB)
compensate	(p. 225 HB)	ignorant	(p. 125 HB)
contagious	(p. 133 HB)	permanent	(p. 47 HB)
demonstrate	(p. 52 HB)	pivoted	(p. 18 HB)
deposited	(p. 9 HB)	predicament	(p. 35 HB)
dubious	(p. 100 HB)	propaganda	(p. 63 HB)
eavesdropping	(p. 39 HB)	regulations	(p. 123 HB)
exaggeration	(p. 100 HB)	shouldered	(p. 38 HB)
fetching	(p. 117 HB)	spectators	(p. 227 HB)