

# 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.

## Billy Creekmore

thrashing	(p. 6 PB)	prevailed	(p. 50 PB)
apprentice	(p. 8 PB)	decrying	(p. 50 PB)
destitute	(p. 8 PB)	infiltrate	(p. 55 PB)
ignoble	(p. 8 PB)	elusive	(p. 105 PB)
paupers	(p.8 PB)	tremulous	(p. 144 PB)
wrath	(p. 15 PB)	rambunctious	(p. 169 PB)
purified	(p. 17 PB)	sinewy	(p. 223 PB)
intolerable	(p. 26 PB)		
contribute	(p. 37 PB)		

## **The Boy Who Dared**

sonata	(p. 5 HB)	flak	(p. 82 HB)
clemency	(p.10 HB)	heil	(p. 84 HB)
Chancellor	(p.11 HB)	Gestapo	(p. 84 HB)
Leaflet	(p.16 HB)	air-raid	(p. 86 HB)
epoch	(p. 22 HB)	Berliners	(p. 89 HB)
floes	(p. 38 HB)	swastika	(p. 91 HB)
verboten	(p. 54 HB)	Führer	(p. 91 HB)
anarchist	(p.63 HB)	goose-steps	(p. 92 HB)
propaganda	(p. 77 HB)	plutocracy	(p. 95 HB)
Blitzkrieg	(p.79 HB)	doctrine	(p.106 HB)

## **Changeling**

assortment	(p. 3)	lore	(p. 137)
muzzle	(p. 5)	jittery	(p. 152)
grievous	(p. 9)	auditioning	(p. 162)
exhibits	(p. 19)	curlicue	(p. 174)
rosemary	(p. 25)	blistered	(p. 188)
flask	(p. 36)	sidled	(p. 208)
genuine	(p. 66)	simultaneously	(p. 222)
dismantle	(p. 67)	talisman	(p. 223)
embroidery	(p. 85)	materialized	(p. 247)
pedestal	(p. 108)	circumvent	(p. 271)

### **Diamonds in the Shadow**

refugee	(p. 1 HB)	treacherous	(p. 151 HB)
fortress	(p. 3 HB)	envisioning	(p. 153 HB)
felon	(p. 4 HB)	initiative	(p. 153 HB)
tedious	(p. 6 HB)	untainted	(p. 155 HB)
inoculated	(p. 9 HB)	turmoil	(p. 157 HB)
expound	(p. 10 HB)	facets	(p. 171 HB)
taboo	(p. 30 HB)	unethical	(p. 172 HB)
decipher	(p. 33 HB)	ludicrous	(p. 175 HB)
battalions	(p. 38 HB)	hypocrite	(p. 178 HB)
compassionate	(p. 48 HB)	concussion	(p. 224 HB)

### **Do Not Pass Go**

sabotage	(p. 43 HB)	premeditated	(p. 121 HB)
contorted	(p. 46 HB)	presumptive	(p. 121 HB)
arraignment	(p. 67 HB)	flak	(p. 143 HB)
fidgeded	(p. 73 HB)	arrogant	(p. 147 HB)
penny-ante	(p. 82 HB)	patronizing	(p. 152 HB)
ominous	(p. 93 HB)	sociopathy	(p. 161 HB)
compulsion	(p. 98 HB)	lenient	(p. 162 HB)
embezzling	(p. 120 HB)	penitentiary	(p. 172 HB)

## Football Hero

sprawling	(p. 12 PB)	ferocity	(p. 152 PB)
shenanigans	(p. 17 PB)	assemblage	(p. 156 PB)
privilege	(p. 20 PB)		
emphasize	(p. 48 PB)		
cadence	(p.67 PB)		
extinguish	(p. 70 PB)		
olfactory	(p. 107 PB)		
bogus	(p. 128 PB)		
blatant	(p. 151 PB)		

## The Great Wide Sea

navigation	(p. 15 HB)	forestay	(p. 33 HB)
rigging	(p. 19 HB)	foredeck	(p. 33 HB)
mast	(p. 20 HB)	geona	(p. 33 HB)
stern	(p. 27 HB)	jib	(p. 33 HB)
dinghy	(p.27 HB)	hanks	(p. 34 HB)
sextant	(p. 28 HB)	luff	(p. 35 HB)
cockpit	(p. 31 HB)	bow pulpit	(p. 39 HB)
halyard	(p. 33 HB)	tiller	(p. 39 HB)
billowed	(p. 33 HB)	astern	(p. 75 HB)

## I,Q.: Independence Hall

platinum	(p. 6 HB)	feral	(p. 90 HB)
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arboretum (p.10 HB)  
berth (p.17 HB)  
entourage (p. 25 HB)  
roadie (p. 40 HB)  
mesmerized (p. 41 HB)  
clout (p. 45 HB)  
paparazzi (p. 65 HB)  
counterfeiters (p.75 HB)  
paranoid (p. 88 HB)

spook (p. 98 HB)  
Mossad (p. 98 HB)  
dossier (p. 100 HB)  
notorious (p. 240 HB)  
surveillance (p. 241 HB)

### **Lawn Boy**

clutch (p. 5 HB)  
throttle (p. 6 HB)  
capitalism (p.10 HB)  
stockbroker (p. 18 HB)  
barter (p. 18 HB)  
coffins (p. 22 HB)  
headlamp (p. 24 HB)  
ingenious (p. 24 HB)  
entrepreneurship (p. 24 HB)  
disperse (p.25 HB)

ginormous (p.31 HB)  
congregate (p.34 HB)  
hippie (p. 35 HB)  
yogis (p. 42 HB)  
unprecedented (p. 46 HB)  
capital gains (p. 49 HB)  
purse (p. 52 HB)  
wheezing (p.53 HB)

### **Lost Time**

uninhabited (p. 7 HB)  
sonorous (p. 17 HB)  
pinnacles (p. 27 HB)  
pungent (p. 43 HB)

dispenser (p. 106 HB)  
tapestry (p. 109 HB)  
inquisitive (p. 111 HB)  
synapses (p. 117 HB)

enveloped	(p. 53 HB)	spherical	(p. 121 HB)
spectacles	(p. 64 HB)	winch	(p. 129 HB)
dregs	(p. 74 HB)	obliterated	(p. 136 HB)
fatigue	(p. 81 HB)	seismometer	(p. 137 HB)
hypnotic	(p. 86 HB)	jeopardize	(p. 146 HB)
tedious	(p. 100 HB)	pathetically	(p. 147 HB)

### **The Mailbox**

rhododendrons	(p. 2 PB)	kudzu	(p.76 PB)
prosthesis	(p. 2 PB)	urchin	(p. 83 PB)
foisting	(p.3 PB)	primate	(p. 90 PB)
flounced	(p. 7 PB)	hospitality	(p. 98 PB)
malicious	(p. 25 PB)	papillon	(p. 115 PB)
plumb	(p.57 PB)	caisson	(p. 156 PB)
homilies	(p. 65 PB)		
strafing	(p. 65 PB)		
canteen	(p. 66 PB)		
crevasse	(p. 76 PB)		

### **Mercy on These Teenage Chimps**

culprits	(p. 7 HB)	portly	(p. 29 HB)
affirmative	(p. 7 HB )	aspired	(p. 29 HB)
provisions	(p. 14 HB)	frenzy	(p. 42 HB)
replenish	(p. 14 HB)	pulverized	(p. 48 HB)

concocted (p. 17 HB)  
chivalry (p. 19 HB)  
valiant (p. 20 HB)  
thrash (p. 27 HB)

flaccid (p. 61 HB)  
reconciliation (p. 71 HB)  
unwieldy (p. 72 HB)  
sustenance (p. 75 HB)

### **The Seer of Shadows**

deferential (p. 2 PB)  
derivation (p. 8 PB)  
ectoplasm (p. 17 PB)  
apparatus (p. 20 PB)  
perambulators (p. 37 PB)  
concocted (p. 85 PB)  
stupefied (p. 89 PB)  
manifestation (p. 95 PB)  
unlamented (p. 96 PB)  
sway (p.103 PB)

condemnation (p.112 PB)  
reasserted (p.115 PB)  
regaling (p.116 PB)  
aberration (p.129 PB)  
divulge (p.154 PB)  
ergo (p.157 PB)  
flummoxed (p.158 PB)  
restitution (p.169 PB)  
thwart (p.173 PB)  
eradicate (p.201 PB)

### **Smiles to Go**

soldering (p. 2 PB)  
protons (p. 3 PB)  
perverted (p. 21 PB)  
pester (p. 49 PB)  
dormer (p. 70 PB)  
enunciated (p. 95 PB)  
conspicuous (p. 149 PB)

warded (p. 3 PB)  
carnivore (p. 18 PB)  
belligerent (p. 42 PB)  
quasars (p. 53 PB)  
buffoon (p. 86 PB)  
contriving (p. 149 PB)  
compressible (p. 150 PB)

compassionate (p. 152 PB)  
ballistic (p. 159 PB)  
induced (p. 223 PB)

devastated (p. 157 PB)  
devious (p. 181 PB)  
retaliation (p. 227 PB)

### **Taken**

acquit (p. 7 PB)  
verbatim (p. 21 PB)  
surveillance (p. 36 PB)  
sniveling (p. 48 PB)  
syllogism (p. 60 PB)  
palate (p. 73 PB)  
garland (p. 85 PB)  
rankled (p.98 PB)  
forfeit (p. 112 PB)  
derma (p. 133 PB)

secluded (p. 148 PB)  
futile (p. 164 PB)  
ottoman (p. 172 PB)  
ordeal (p. 186 PB)  
haphazard (p. 196 PB)  
comprehend (p. 205 PB)  
buffoon (p. 218 PB)  
hortatory (p. 225 PB)  
lustrous (p. 234 PB)  
stipulates (p. 243 PB)