

# 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.

## ***Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything in It***

accomplice	(p. 106 HB)	integrity	(p. 100 HB)
catapult	(p. 25 HB)	metabolism	(p. 61 HB)
combustion	(p. 146 HB)	Pangaea	(p. 125 HB)
confidential	(p. 2 HB)	prospector	(p. 82 HB)
expedition	(p. 91 HB)	radioactive	(p. 7 HB)
expert	(p. 46 HB)	refraction	(p. 15 HB)
humerus	(p. 7 HB)	senior	(p. 51 HB)
hypothesis	(p. 59 HB)	serenity	(p. 108 HB)
ignorance	(p. 168 HB)	specimen	(p. 51 HB)
indomitable	(p. 158 HB)	trajectory	(p. 27 HB)

## ***A Crooked Kind of Perfect***

amnesia	(p. 84 HB)	metronome	(p. 60 HB)
condiment	(p. 186 HB)	ovation	(p. 149 HB)
controller	(p. 6 HB)	percussion	(p. 82 HB)
dialogue	(p. 109 HB)	prodigy	(p. 4 HB)
firkin	(p. 87 HB)	smitten	(p. 103 HB)
gazebo	(p. 112 HB)	upgrade	(p. 140 HB)
ledger	(p. 117 HB)		

### ***Defiance***

cattails	(p. 13 HB)	reincarnation	(p. 78 HB)
cawed	(p. 41 HB)	respiratory	(p. 19 HB)
cilantro	(p. 80 HB)	ruts	(p. 15 HB)
crepe	(p. 9 HB)	scoffed	(p. 61 HB)
cud	(p. 66 HB)	somber	(p. 10 HB)
dappled	(p. 6 HB)	stance	(p. 18 HB)
dome	(p. 109 HB)	standoff	(p. 101 HB)
furrows	(p. 96 HB)	tattered	(p. 49 HB)
incredulously	(p. 32 HB)	udder	(p. 3 HB)
lowed	(p. 61 HB)		

### ***Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat***

bristles	(p. 47 HB)	passionately	(p. 64 HB)
calibrated	(p. 164 HB)	persistent	(p. 68 HB)
demented	(p. 49 HB)	precarious	(p. 299 HB)
derisive	(p. 242 HB)	reincarnated	(p. 67 HB)
disdainful	(p. 96 HB)	scrawny	(p. 30 HB)
emphatic	(p. 85 HB)	sniveling	(p. 65 HB)
incredulous	(p. 69 HB)	sooty	(p. 28 HB)
interference	(p. 64 HB)	trajectory	(p. 163 HB)
juggernaut	(p. 21 HB)	transparently	(p. 46 HB)
olfactory	(p. 205 HB)	wrinkled	(p. 30 HB)

### ***The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School***

arabesque	(p. 37 HB)	infraction	(p. 57 HB)
buoyancy	(p. 148 HB)	ingenious	(p. 106 HB)
condone	(p. 70 HB)	inspiration	(p. 150 HB)
conscientious	(p. 31 HB)	inverted	(p. 153 HB)
contagious	(p. 146 HB)	maniacally	(p. 103 HB)
digress	(p. 86 HB)	obnoxious	(p. 9 HB)
disembodied	(p. 45 HB)	precocious	(p. 1 HB)
elusive	(p. 16 HB)	sauntered	(p. 76 HB)
furtively	(p. 60 HB)	tranquility	(p. 55 HB)
gnawed	(p. 43 HB)	versatile	(p. 113 HB)

### ***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

### ***Highway Cats***

apparition	(p. 97 HB)	miraculous	(p. 52 HB)
catapulted	(p. 78 HB)	pathetic	(p. 15 HB)
demolition	(p. 47 HB)	phenomenon	(p. 85 HB)
freeloaders	(p. 40 HB)	radiance	(p. 57 HB)
gloated	(p. 11 HB)	sapphire	(p. 77 HB)
lumbered	(p. 73 HB)	scrubland	(p. 2 HB)
malodorous	(p. 19 HB)	shrivel	(p. 23 HB)
metallic	(p. 69 HB)		

### ***Igraine the Brave***

acquitting	(p. 123 HB)	deflect	(p. 125 HB)
armory	(p. 13 HB)	derision	(p. 125 HB)
battlements	(p. 41 HB)	impertinent	(p. 44 HB)
castellan	(p. 19 HB)	incredulously	(p. 99 HB)
catapults	(p. 58 HB)	monotonous	(p. 125 HB)
chivalry	(p. 47 HB)	omen	(p. 1 HB)
conjure	(p.10 HB)	parried	(p. 88 HB)
crenellations	(p. 125 HB)	pilgrimage	(p. 20 HB)
decipher	(p. 34 HB)	rapacious	(p. 162 HB)
decrepit	(p. 101 HB)	siege	(p. 101 HB)

### ***The Lemonade War***

allergic	(p. 126 PB)	miser	(p. 63 PB)
chintzy	(p. 34 PB)	pathetic	(p. 46 PB)
dissolution	(p. 11 PB)	pedestrians	(p. 31 PB)
emphasis	(p. 162 PB)	persistent	(p. 106 PB)
equation	(p. 33 PB)	pulverize	(p. 82 PB)
expectantly	(p. 30 PB)	residential	(p. 97 PB)
ferociously	(p. 36 PB)	rhododendron	(p. 93 PB)
franchise	(p. 114 PB)	riddance	(p. 32 PB)
humiliated	(p. 8 PB)	sneered	(p. 40 PB)
humungous	(p. 9 PB)	vendors	(p. 29 PB)

### ***Me and the Pumpkin Queen***

boutique	(p. 22 HB)	gelded	(p. 47 HB)
chute	(p. 69 HB)	germination	(p. 51 HB)
compost	(p. 36 HB)	incredulous	(p. 72 HB)
contradictory	(p. 122 HB)	legendary	(p. 11 HB)
cull	(p. 101 HB)	mortified	(p. 24 HB)
destined	(p. 61 HB)	pollination	(p. 86 HB)
ecstatic	(p. 53 HB)	scrumptious	(p. 76 HB)
embroidered	(p. 24 HB)	stigma	(p. 89 HB)
exasperation	(p. 38 HB)	stamen	(p. 89 HB)
fertilize	(p. 66 HB)	tendrils	(p. 11 HB)

### ***The Middle of Somewhere***

anxiety	(p. 174 HB)	impatience	(p. 180 HB)
assured	(p. 106 HB)	jangly	(p. 2 HB)
automatic	(p. 71 HB)	masterfully	(p. 17 HB)
berserk	(p. 3 HB)	prologue	(p. 11 HB)
cautionary	(p. 183 HB)	queasy	(p. 181 HB)
collapsed	(p. 174 HB)	ramifications	(p. 190 HB)
complaining	(p. 177 HB)	recuperating	(p. 7 HB)
equivalent	(p. 23 HB)	rummaging	(p. 146 HB)
hoisting	(p. 184 HB)	unbeknowst	(p. 12 HB)
hurled	(p. 2 HB)	underage	(p. 11 HB)

### ***Night of the Howling Dogs***

akau	(p. 97 HB)	paniolo	(p. 88 HB)
anticipation	(p. 1 HB)	pommels	(p. 89 HB)
concussions	(p. 108 HB)	precipice	(p. 26 HB)
driftwood	(p. 53 HB)	ravines	(p. 9 HB)
duckwalked	(p. 15 HB)	reluctant	(p. 97 HB)
fissures	(p. 50 HB)	repellent	(p. 67 HB)
haole	(p. 13 HB)	silhouetted	(p. 45 HB)
hydrated	(p. 71 HB)	smoldering	(p. 76 HB)
meandered	(p. 80 HB)	trailhead	(p. 17 HB)
outcropping	(p. 36 HB)	whimpered	(p. 10 HB)

### ***Punished!***

anagram	(p. 62 PB)	obvious	(p. 35 PB)
appropriate	(p. 32 PB)	onomatopoeia	(p. 58 PB)
automatically	(p. 32 PB)	oxymoron	(p. 34 PB)
civic	(p. 89 PB)	palindrome	(p. 78 PB)
collision	(p. 13 PB)	petal	(p. 68 PB)
contradictory	(p. 36 PB)	pun	(p. 29 PB)
doomed	(p. 30 PB)	redundancies	(p. 75 PB)
industry	(p. 27 PB)	serendipity	(p. 74 PB)
isolate	(p. 26 PB)	smirked	(p. 72 PB)
lumber	(p. 48 PB)	vanished	(p. 12 PB)

### ***The Puzzling World of Winston Breen***

accusations	(p. 56 HB)	potentially	(p. 65 HB)
bizarre	(p. 34 HB)	rickety	(p. 2 HB)
blossoming	(p. 49 HB)	ridiculous	(p. 46 HB)
considering	(p. 132 HB)	skepticism	(p. 135 HB)
conspiracy	(p. 63 HB)	squandered	(p. 60 HB)
disturbing	(p. 33 HB)	studious	(p. 4 HB)
furrowed	(p. 2 HB)	surrounded	(p. 177 HB)
hoisting	(p. 37 HB)	uncrumpled	(p. 21 HB)
masthead	(p. 178 HB)	wisebone	(p. 56 HB)
perplexing	(p. 2 HB)		

### ***The Year of the Dog***

amethyst	(p. 113 PB)	optimal	(p. 63 PB)
bonnet	(p. 125 PB)	pansies	(p. 96 PB)
botanist	(p. 60 PB)	peony	(p. 56 PB)
chlorophyll	(p. 66 PB)	porridge	(p. 14 PB)
constellations	(p. 58 PB)	retort	(p. 15 PB)
dumplings	(p. 5 PB)	stethoscope	(p. 7 PB)
embroidered	(p. 45 PB)	substantiate	(p. 65 PB)
frantic	(p. 8 PB)	thistle	(p. 104 PB)
frantically	(p. 123 PB)	typhoon	(p. 97 PB)
lychees	(p. 41 PB)	vigorously	(p. 48 PB)