

100 Words Every High School Graduate Should Know (and 100 More...)

It's now time to work on vocabulary. One way to improve your writing scores, according to the College Board, is to use sophisticated vocabulary (SAT-level vocabulary). It's important to broaden your vocabulary base and to use words properly. Every other week (approximately) you will be asked to complete the vocabulary assignment and take a quiz. The due dates for the assignment and quizzes are listed below. You will have 5 quizzes during the 2nd marking period and 5 quizzes during the 3rd marking period.

The following is the entire list of 100 words (1st set):

<u>10/27</u>	<u>11/7</u>	<u>11/21</u>	<u>12/5</u>	<u>12/19</u>
abjure	equinox	inculcate	oligarchy	soliloquy
abrogate	euro	infrastructure	omnipotent	subjugate
abstemious	evanescent	interpolate	orthography	suffragist
acumen	expurgate	irony	oxidize	supercilious
antebellum	facetious	jejune	parabola	tautology
auspicious	fatuous	kinetic	paradigm	taxonomy
belie	feckless	kowtow	parameter	tectonic
bellicose	fiduciary	laissez faire	pecuniary	tempestuous
bowdlerize	filibuster	lexicon	photosynthesis	thermodynamics
chicanery	gamete	loquacious	plagiarize	totalitarian
chromosome	gauche	lugubrious	plasma	unctuous
churlish	gerrymander	metamorphosis	polymer	usurp
circumlocution	hegemony	mitosis	precipitous	vacuous
circumnavigate	hemoglobin	moiety	quasar	vehement
deciduous	homogeneous	nanotechnology	quodiam	vortex
deleterious	hubris	nihilism	recapitulate	winnow
diffident	hypotenuse	nomenclature	reciprocal	wrought
enervate	impeach	nonsectarian	reparation	xenophobe
enfranchise	incognito	notarize	respiration	yeoman
epiphany	incontrovertible	obsequious	sanguine	ziggurat

100 More Words (2nd set):

<u>1/23</u>	<u>2/6</u>	<u>2/20</u>	<u>3/6</u>	<u>3/16</u>
alacrity	efface	kelvin	penurious	subsume
amorphous	effulgent	lacuna	permutation	tenacious
anathema	eponymous	lambent	perpetuity	travesty
anomie	eureka	lineament	perquisite	triage
antithesis	excoriate	Luddite	phalanx	truculent
apotheosis	fastidious	mellifluous	placebo	umbrage
arcanum	feint	miasma	proximate	unregenerate
bathos	feral	munificent	querulous	untenable
bellwether	gaffe	nascence	quorum	usury
bespeak	galvanize	neophyte	rapacious	verisimilitude
caldera	gravitas	nexus	refractory	vernacular
coalesce	habiliments	noisome	repudiate	vertiginous
compunction	heterodox	nominal	risible	vociferous
conflate	hydrocarbon	obliquity	salient	welter
crepuscular	impugn	ontogeny	sanctimonious	wiki
cynosure	inchoate	opprobrium	sardonic	winsome
debunk	indigenous	ossify	scurrilous	xeric
derivative	innate	oviparous	sequester	yaw
diaphanous	intransigent	palpable	Sisyphean	zero-sum
duress	juggernaut	panoply	solicitous	zygote

Vocabulary Assignments:

For each set of vocabulary words (a set constitutes 20 words), you will perform the following tasks*:

1. Write out the word with its part of speech and definition. Please number each vocab. entry.
 2. Write out any sentence using the word. (The sentence must demonstrate the word's meaning without actually stating the meaning. Use clues that hint to its meaning. This sentence may be original or borrowed, and if borrowed, then please cite the source.)
 3. Write down three synonyms for the word. (If you can't find exact synonyms, then write down three terms that are closely related to the word.)
- * You must handwrite your entries, unless you have accommodations (permission from Mr. B) that allow you to do otherwise.

[Sample entry]:

1) **Abjure** (verb) – to recant solemnly; renounce or repudiate.

Sentence: “The strong-bas'd promontory / Have I made shake, and by the spurs pluck'd up / The pine and cedar; graves at my command / Hae wak'd their sleepers, op'd, and let 'em forth, / By my so potent art. But this rough magic / I here **abjure**.” – William Shakespeare, *The Tempest*

Synonyms: foreswear, recall, withdraw

Each quiz is 30 questions. You will be asked to match the definition to the word (20 questions). Then you will have 5 sentences that omit the vocabulary word; you will supply the correct word. Finally, I will have 5 questions from previous vocabulary lists (these questions may involve synonyms, sentences, and/or definitions).

Helpful websites:

1st set of 100 words:

http://www.houghtonmifflinbooks.com/booksellers/press_release/100words/

<http://quizlet.com/1642257/100-words-every-high-school-graduate-should-know-flash-cards/>

2nd set of 100 words:

<https://www.ahdictionary.com/word/hundredmore.html>