

# Vocabulary at a Glance

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## First Grading Period

Don't Forget:

\* Vocabulary Homework is due every Wednesday!

\* Each QUIZ will be on Wednesday and is cumulative.

**\* Know definition, part of speech and how to use words in context for quizzes.**

\* Major Test over all 50 words on \_\_\_\_\_ (Must know spelling for test.)

### Week 1: August 24<sup>th</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup>

1. avid – adj. 1. Having a strong desire for, to the point of greed. 2. Eager; enthusiastic.
2. brusque – adj. Abrupt in manner or speech; gruff.
3. concise – adj. Short and to the point.
4. demean – v. To cause a lowering of self-esteem; to lower in reputation or character.
5. despicable – adj. Deserving contempt or scorn.
6. emulate – v. To try to equal; to imitate.
7. evoke – v. 1. To call forth; to produce. 2. To bring to mind, often by suggestion.
8. excruciating – adj. Very painful.
9. inaugurate – v. 1. To install in office with a formal ceremony. 2. To begin officially or mark the opening of.
10. pervade – v. To spread throughout.

### Week 2: Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>– Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>

11. proprietor – n. An owner of a store or other business.
12. pseudonym – n. A fictitious name used by an author; a pen name.
13. rebuff – v. 1. To reject bluntly. 2. To drive back. n. 1. A blunt rejection. 2. An abrupt setback in progress.
14. resilient – adj. 1. Capable of recovering quickly from misfortune. 2. Returning quickly to an original shape or condition.
15. turbulent – adj. 1. Chaotic; unruly. 2. Stormy; tempestuous.
16. abrasion – n. 1. A wearing away or rubbing away by friction. 2. A scraped or worn area.
17. clad – adj. Clothed or covered.
18. corroborate – v; To provide evidence to make more certain; to confirm.
19. cursory – adj. Done in a hurry and with little attention to detail.
20. dehydrate – v. 1. To remove the water from. 2. To become dry; to lose water from.

### Week 3: Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>

21. derive – v. 1. To take or receive from a source. 2. To obtain through reasoning.

- 22. electrify – v. To wire or equip with electric power. 2. To thrill or shock.
- 23. endeavor – v. To attempt earnestly. n. A serious earnest effort towards a goal.
- 24. gingerly – adj. Cautious; very careful. adv. With extreme care or concern.
- 25. grimace – v. To make a face expressing feelings of pain, disgust, or contempt.  
n. A facial expression that seems to express pain, disgust, or contempt.
- 26. gruesome – adj. Causing shock or horror.
- 27. inventory – n. A list of possessions or goods on hand. 2. The stock of goods on hand.  
v. To make a complete list of.
- 28. simulate – v. 1. To take on the qualities of another; to imitate. 2. To pretend.
- 29. succumb – v. 1. To give up or give in to; to yield. 2. To cease to exist; to die.
- 30. surmise – v. To suppose something without sufficient evidence. n. A guess.

### Week 4: Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>

- 31. anonymous – adj. 1. Of an unknown source or unrevealed name.
- 32. anthology – n. A collection of various writings, such as songs, stories, or poems.
- 33. conjecture – v. To form an opinion while lacking sufficient evidence. n. A conclusion based on guesswork or insufficient evidence.
- 34. disposition – n. 1. A person's usual mood; temperament. 2. A regular tendency or inclination.
- 35. encompass – v. 1. To enclose or encircle. 2. To include.
- 36. extricate – v. To free from a difficult or tangled situation.
- 37. generation – n. 1. One step in the line of descent of a family. 2. All the people born and living about the same time. 3. The average span of time between the birth of parents and their children.
- 38. guile – n. Cunning or deceit in dealing with others; trickery.
- 39. imperative – adj. Urgent; pressing. 2. Having the power or authority to command.
- 40. instill – v. To introduce gradually in order to establish securely.

### Week 5: Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>

- 41. modify – v. 1. To make less extreme or severe. 2. To make changes in. 3. In grammar, to limit or restrict in meaning.
- 42. pivot – n. 1. A small bar or rod on which something else turns. 2. A person or thing on which others depend. v. To turn on or as if on a pivot.
- 43. prevalent – adj. Commonly occurring; widely accepted or practiced.
- 44. recur – v. To come up again or to happen again. 2. To come to mind again.
- 45. spontaneous – adj. 1. Voluntary and unplanned 2. Occurring or produced without human labor.
- 46. abhor – v. To shrink from in disgust; to detest.
- 47. affable – adj. Pleasant; approachable; gracious.
- 48. amiss – adv. In a wrong or imperfect way. Adj. Out of order; wrong.
- 49. despondent – adj. Depressed from loss of hope or confidence; utterly discouraged.
- 50. entreat – v. To ask earnestly; to beg.