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100 Words Every High School Freshman Should Know

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Does your vocabulary measure up? A confident command of a growing vocabulary is one of the best indicators of achievement in school.

Building on the success of the popular *100 Words Every High School Graduate Should Know*, the editors of the American Heritage® Dictionaries are pleased to introduce a new list of words geared toward the reading level expected of high school freshmen. With its attractive format and thoughtful word selection, *100 Words Every High School Freshman Should Know* will spur students to add new words to their vocabularies as they make the important transition from middle school to high school.



Summer vacation is a time for kids to get out and have fun. But it should not be a time for kids to forget what they learned in class the previous year or what they'll need to know next year. We have pulled 65 words from this list — one for each summer vacation weekday — to give students a head start on the coming school year. The sun (☀) indicates which words your child should learn when school is closed and the sun is shining . . .

The following is the entire list of 100 words:

1. accentuate
2. alliteration
3. analogy
4. antibody
5. aspire
6. bamboozle
7. bizarre
8. boisterous
9. boycott
10. camouflage
11. chronology
12. commemorate
13. cower
14. decorum
15. deduction
16. deign
17. despondent
18. dialogue
19. divulge
20. eclectic
21. ellipse
22. embargo
23. enthusiastic
24. exponent
25. exult
26. fallacy
27. flourish
28. formidable
29. gargoyle
30. guerrilla
31. guru
32. heritage
33. hieroglyphic
34. hologram
35. hypocrisy
36. immune
37. impertinent
38. inference
39. introspection
40. jaunty
41. jovial
42. kilometer
43. labyrinth
44. laconic
45. lichen
46. light-year
47. maneuver
48. marsupial
49. metaphor
50. mosaic
51. mutation
52. nebula
53. nocturnal
54. nuisance
55. omnivore
56. outrageous
57. ozone
58. parasite
59. participle
60. phloem
61. plateau
62. polygon
63. protagonist
64. pulverize
65. quandary
66. quarantine
67. quota
68. rainforest
69. random
70. recede
71. renaissance
72. renegade
73. repose
74. sacrifice
75. silhouette
76. solstice
77. spectrum
78. stereotype
79. strategy
80. suffrage
81. symbiosis
82. tariff
83. technique
84. tempo
85. toxin
86. tranquility
87. tumult
88. tundra
89. ultraviolet
90. unanimous
91. undulate
92. vaccine
93. vacillate
94. vertebrate
95. virtuoso
96. voracious
97. wretched
98. xylem
99. yacht
100. zoology