

Word Lists



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10th Grade

The **Word List** is a division of 380 words into smaller groups to be studied each week. The first lesson of each semester has 20 new words. Each lesson thereafter has 10 new words. The tests for these words are cumulative during each semester. All tests for this vocabulary study have 20 words: ten words from the new list and ten words from previous lists. For instance, tests for Lesson 16 contain 10 new words with additional words from lessons 15, 14, and 13. At any given time in the semester, no test covers more than four lessons.

This vocabulary study includes words that commonly appear on AP English exams and words that have appeared on past PSAT and SAT tests, as well as in *Julius Caesar*.

One usefulness of this list lies in the advantage of being able to give the students one sheet of paper that contains all the words that will be covered during the course of the year.



10th Grade Vocabulary

1st Semester



Lesson 1

1. alchemist
2. allegory
3. augury
4. baseness
5. bestow
6. conceit
7. confound
8. contaminant
9. covert
10. crave
11. enfranchise
12. exalt
13. gravity
14. grievous
15. hideous
16. homage
17. instigation
18. kindle
19. knotty
20. malefactor

Lesson 2

1. alliteration
2. legacy
3. mettle
4. mirth
5. muse
6. mutinous
7. prodigious
8. prodigy
9. prostration
10. replicate

Lesson 3

1. rhetoric
2. rout
3. soothsayer
4. spurn
5. sterile
6. taper
7. tarry
8. unassailable
9. vanquished
10. vouchsafe

Lesson 4

1. altruistic
2. ambivalent
3. angular
4. aversion
5. discern
6. disdain
7. disparage
8. disparity
9. syntax
10. vulgarity

Lesson 5

1. allusion
2. embellish
3. engender
4. innocuous
5. insipid
6. laud
7. obscure
8. ostentatious
9. prodigal
10. repudiate

Lesson 6

1. analogy
2. antithesis
3. ascend
4. austere
5. autonomous
6. banal
7. reticence
8. revere
9. subtle
10. superfluous

Lesson 7

1. aphorism
2. benign
3. capricious
4. dawdle
5. defamation
6. esoteric
7. extol
8. fastidious
9. furtive
10. taciturn

Lesson 8

1. abstruse
2. apostrophe
3. gregarious
4. hypocrite
5. innate
6. lethargic
7. melancholy
8. opaque
9. prolific
10. reprove

Lesson 9

1. affable
2. audacity
3. contrite
4. credulous
5. depravity
6. deprecate
7. didactic
8. dormant
9. enigmatic
10. tranquil

Lesson 10

1. antecedent
2. erudite
3. exotic
4. fuse
5. immutable
6. incorrigible
7. mitigate
8. nullify
9. pacifistic
10. pretentious

Lesson 11

1. aesthetic
2. aloof
3. archaic
4. assuage
5. belie
6. contentious
7. prologue
8. recant
9. servile
10. trepidation

Lesson 12

1. colloquial
2. daunt
3. debilitate
4. discord
5. dissemination
6. dogmatic
7. duplicity
8. egocentric
9. euphemism
10. vilify

Lesson 13

1. acrimonious
2. connotation
3. mundane
4. ominous
5. petulance
6. pompous
7. precocious
8. slothful
9. verbose
10. virulent

Lesson 14

1. ameliorate
2. amenable
3. amorphous
4. buoyant
5. cajole
6. debase
7. denotation
8. efface
9. elucidate
10. volatile

Lesson 15

1. diction
2. ephemeral
3. ferocity
4. haughty
5. impervious
6. inane
7. indolence
8. infallible
9. inscrutable
10. languid

Lesson 16

1. antiquated
2. arable
3. ascendancy
4. atrophy
5. clandestine
6. malice
7. oblique
8. opulence
9. penitent
10. perfunctory

Lesson 17

1. conciliate
2. cursory
3. derision
4. enmity
5. extricate
6. forbearance
7. frivolous
8. garrulous
9. genre
10. impetuous

Lesson 18

1. infamous
2. insolence
3. levity
4. oblivion
5. paradoxical
6. perjury
7. rancor
8. sycophant
9. vacillating
10. vivid

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2nd Semester



Lesson 19

1. abhor
2. accolade
3. ascetic
4. bequeath
5. charlatan
6. conflagration
7. dearth
8. diffidence
9. effervescent
10. ethereal
11. expunge
12. guile
13. implausible
14. incongruity
15. insularity
16. investive
17. placate
18. poignant
19. provincial
20. reiterate

Lesson 22

1. inference
2. irascible
3. laconic
4. magnanimity
5. obsequious
6. proliferation
7. scrupulous
8. surreptitious
9. veracity
10. zeal

Lesson 26

1. culpable
2. decadent
3. entreaty
4. fatuous
5. indulgent
6. ineptness
7. ingrate
8. inundate
9. miser
10. parody

Lesson 30

1. abridge
2. alacrity
3. antipathy
4. augment
5. bombastic
6. prosaic
7. quiescent
8. scintillating
9. squalid
10. vexation

Lesson 34

1. equivocal
2. expeditious
3. galvanize
4. implacable
5. inimitable
6. mutability
7. odious
8. parochial
9. penchant
10. ponderous

Lesson 23

1. ambiguous
2. amiable
3. crass
4. discursive
5. docile
6. estrange
7. exonerate
8. gratuitous
9. indignation
10. metonymy

Lesson 27

1. nefarious
2. prattle
3. predilection
4. procrastinate
5. sarcasm
6. stoic
7. suffrage
8. transparent
9. turbulence
10. viable

Lesson 31

1. decry
2. eclectic
3. enhance
4. euphonious
5. fervid
6. impecunious
7. ingratiate
8. luxuriant
9. paltry
10. pedantry

Lesson 35

1. append
2. apprise
3. ardent
4. cloister
5. constrict
6. rectitude
7. rend
8. schism
9. understatement
10. uproarious

Lesson 20

1. acquiesce
2. affinity
3. blasphemous
4. buttress
5. circumspect
6. irony
7. spontaneous
8. synthesis
9. vigilant
10. voluble

Lesson 24

1. induce
2. intractable
3. introspective
4. lucid
5. meticulous
6. munificent
7. onomatopoeia
8. plagiarize
9. profuse
10. recluse

Lesson 28

1. abet
2. agile
3. antidote
4. ascertain
5. desolate
6. din
7. dissuade
8. distend
9. enervation
10. satire

Lesson 32

1. placid
2. preclude
3. promontory
4. raze
5. secular
6. static (adj.)
7. tact
8. torpid
9. vindicated
10. vindictive

Lesson 36

1. disentangle
2. fanaticism
3. feint
4. ferment
5. forestalled
6. gnarl
7. hoary
8. imagery
9. infernal
10. jaunty

Lesson 21

1. corroboration
2. deplete
3. despotic
4. emaciated
5. empirical
6. extraneous
7. fallow
8. homogeneous
9. hyperbole
10. incontrovertible

Lesson 25

1. abstracted
2. adulation
3. adversity
4. burgeon
5. chimera
6. oxymoron
7. sated
8. terse
9. transient
10. virtuoso

Lesson 29

1. eulogy
2. indelible
3. inert
4. malevolence
5. obliterate
6. ornate
7. paucity
8. piety
9. precarious
10. syllogism

Lesson 33

1. allure
2. apathy
3. auspicious
4. caricature
5. cosmopolitan
6. deplore
7. discrepant
8. ecstasy
9. empathy
10. symbolism