

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Vocabulary List

**absolve** - pardon (an offense)

**abstract** - theoretical; not concrete; nonrepresentational

**accessible** - easy to approach

**accommodate** - provide lodgings; oblige or help someone

**acknowledge** - recognize or admit

**acrimony** - bitterness of words or manner

**adverse** - unfavorable; hostile

**aesthetic** - artistic; dealing with or capable of appreciating the beautiful

**affable** - easily approachable; warmly friendly

**affinity** - kinship; attraction to

**affluence** - wealth; prosperity; abundance

**alleviate** - relieve; lessen

**altruistic** - unselfishly generous; concerned for others

**ambiguous** - unclear or doubtful in meaning

**ambivalence** - having contradictory or conflicting emotional attitudes

**amenable** - readily managed; willing to give in; agreeable; submissive

**ample** - abundant

**antagonism** - hostility; active resistance

**antiquated** - obsolete; outdated

**apathy** - lack of caring; indifference

**apprehension** - fear; discernment; capture

**apprenticeship** - time spent as a novice learning a trade from a skilled worker

**appropriate** - (adj) fitting or suitable; pertinent

**appropriate** - (v) acquire; take possession of for one's own use; set aside for a special purpose

**aristocracy** - hereditary nobility; privileged class

**arrogance** - pride; haughtiness

**aspire** - seek to attain; long for

**assert** - state strongly or positively; insist on or demand recognition of

**assumption** - something taken for granted; taking over or taking possession of

**attain** - reach or accomplish; gain

**authentic** - genuine

**autonomous** - self-governing

**aversion** - firm dislike

**beneficial** - helpful; advantageous; useful

**benevolent** - charitable; generous

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| <b>benign</b> - kindly; favorable; not malignant  |
| <b>betray</b> - be unfaithful; reveal (unconsciously or unwillingly)  |
| <b>blight</b> - a deteriorated condition; a disease or injury of plants marked by the formation of lesions, withering, and death of parts |
| <b>blithe</b> - merry; joyous; glad; cheerful   |
| <b>brittle</b> - easily broken; difficult   |
| <b>buoyant</b> - able to float; cheerful and optimistic   |
| <b>candor</b> - frankness; open honesty   |
| <b>captivate</b> - charm; fascinate   |
| <b>caricature</b> - distortion; burlesque   |
| <b>censor</b> - inspector overseeing public morals; official who prevents publication of offensive material                               |
| <b>charlatan</b> - quack; pretender to knowledge  |

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| <b>chronicle</b> - report; record (in chronological order)   |
| <b>circumspect</b> - prudent; cautious   |
| <b>cite</b> - quote; refer to; commend   |
| <b>cliché</b> - phrase dulled in meaning by repetition   |
| <b>coalesce</b> - combine; fuse  |
| <b>compliance</b> - readiness to yield; conformity in fulfilling requirements                                |
| <b>component</b> - element; ingredient   |
| <b>compromise</b> - adjust or settle by making mutual concessions; endanger the interests or reputation of   |
| <b>condone</b> - overlook voluntarily; forgive; supply tacit approval confirm - corroborate; verify; support |
| <b>conformity</b> - agreement or compliance; actions in agreement with prevailing social customs             |
| <b>congenial</b> - pleasant; friendly  |

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| <b>consistency</b> - harmony of parts; dependability; uniformity; degree of thickness |
| <b>console</b> - lessen sadness or disappointment; give comfort                       |
| <b>consolidation</b> - unification; process of becoming firmer or stronger            |
| <b>contentious</b> - quarrelsome  |
| <b>convention</b> - social or moral custom; established practice                      |
| <b>corrosion</b> - destruction by chemical action                                     |
| <b>curtail</b> - shorten; reduce  |
| <b>cynical</b> - skeptical or distrustful of human motives                            |
| <b>dawdle</b> - loiter; waste time  |
| <b>defamation</b> - harming a person's reputation                                     |
| <b>defiance</b> - opposition; willingness to resist                                   |

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| <b>degenerate</b> - become worse; deteriorate                          |
| <b>demean</b> - degrade; humiliate                                     |
| <b>denounce</b> - condemn; criticize                                   |
| <b>depict</b> - portray  |
| <b>deplete</b> - reduce; exhaust                                       |
| <b>deplore</b> - regret strongly; express grief over                   |
| <b>derision</b> - ridicule; mockery                                    |
| <b>derivative</b> - unoriginal; derived from another source            |
| <b>detached</b> - emotionally removed; calm and objective; indifferent |
| <b>deterrent</b> - something that discourages; hindrance               |
| <b>didactic</b> - teaching; instructional                              |
| <b>digression</b> - wandering away from the subject                    |
| <b>discernible</b> - distinguishable; perceivable                      |

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| <b>disclaimer</b> - denial of a legal claim or right; disavowal |
| <b>disclose</b> - reveal  |
| <b>discord</b> - lack of harmony; conflict                      |
| <b>disinterested</b> - unprejudiced                             |
| <b>dismiss</b> - put away from consideration; reject            |
| <b>disparage</b> - belittle                                     |
| <b>disparate</b> - basically different; unrelated               |
| <b>dispel</b> - scatter; cause to vanish                        |
| <b>disperse</b> - scatter                                       |
| <b>dissent</b> - disagree                                       |
| <b>dissipate</b> - squander; waste; scatter                     |
| <b>distinction</b> - honor; contract; discrimination            |
| <b>divulge</b> - reveal   |
| <b>docile</b> - obedient; easily managed                        |

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| <b>doctrine</b> - teachings, in general; particular principle (religious, legal, etc.) taught |
| <b>dogmatic</b> - opinionated; arbitrary; doctrinal   |
| <b>eclipse</b> - darken; extinguish; surpass  |
| <b>elated</b> - overjoyed; in high spirits  |
| <b>elusive</b> - evasive; baffling; hard to grasp   |
| <b>embellish</b> - adorn  |
| <b>endorse</b> - approve; support   |
| <b>enhance</b> - increase; improve  |
| <b>enigma</b> - puzzle; mystery   |
| <b>enumerate</b> - list; mention one by one   |
| <b>erode</b> - eat away   |
| <b>erratic</b> - odd; unpredictable   |
| <b>esoteric</b> - hard to understand; known only to the chosen few                            |
| <b>erroneous</b> - mistaken; wrong  |

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| <b>espouse</b> - adopt; support                                |
| <b>esteem</b> - respect; value                                 |
| <b>excerpt</b> - selected passage                              |
| <b>exemplary</b> - serving as a model; outstanding             |
| <b>expedite</b> - hasten                                       |
| <b>exploit</b> - (n) deed or action, particularly a brave deed |
| <b>facilitate</b> - help bring about; make less difficult      |
| <b>fallacious</b> - false; misleading                          |
| <b>farce</b> - broad comedy; mockery                           |
| <b>fastidious</b> - difficult to please; squeamish             |
| <b>feasible</b> - practical                                    |
| <b>flippant</b> - lacking proper seriousness                   |
| <b>forthright</b> - outspoken; frank                           |
| <b>frail</b> - weak  |

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| <b>futile</b> - useless; hopeless; ineffectual                     |
| <b>garrulous</b> - loquacious; wordy; talkative                    |
| <b>generate</b> - cause; produce; create                           |
| <b>gluttonous</b> - greedy for food                                |
| <b>gratify</b> - please  |
| <b>gregarious</b> - sociable                                       |
| <b>hamper</b> - obstruct   |
| <b>heed</b> - pay attention to; consider                           |
| <b>hindrance</b> - obstacle; block                                 |
| <b>hostility</b> - unfriendliness; hatred                          |
| <b>hypocritical</b> - pretending to be virtuous; deceiving         |
| <b>hypothetical</b> - based on assumptions or hypothesis; supposed |
| <b>iconoclastic</b> - attacking cherished traditions               |
| <b>immutable</b> - unchangeable                                    |

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| <b>impair</b> - injure; hurt   |
| <b>impede</b> - hinder; block; delay   |
| <b>imperceptible</b> - unnoticeable; undetectable  |
| <b>implacable</b> - incapable of being pacified  |
| <b>implement</b> - put into effect; supply with tools                                      |
| <b>implication</b> - something hinted at or suggested                                      |
| <b>incongruity</b> - lack of harmony; absurdity  |
| <b>inconsequential</b> - insignificant; unimportant  |
| <b>inconsistency</b> - state of being self-contradictory; lack of uniformity or steadiness |
| <b>incorporate</b> - introduce something into a larger whole; combine; unite               |
| <b>indict</b> - charge   |
| <b>indifferent</b> - unmoved or unconcerned by; mediocre                                   |

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| <b>induce</b> - persuade; bring about                                 |
| <b>industrious</b> - diligent; hard-working                           |
| <b>inept</b> - lacking skill; unsuited; incompetent                   |
| <b>infallible</b> - unerring; faultless                               |
| <b>ingenious</b> - clever; resourceful                                |
| <b>ingenuous</b> - naive and trusting; young; unsophisticated         |
| <b>ingrate</b> - ungrateful person                                    |
| <b>inherent</b> - firmly established by nature or habit               |
| <b>initiate</b> - begin; originate; receive into a group              |
| <b>innate</b> - inborn  |
| <b>innocuous</b> - harmless   |
| <b>inscrutable</b> - impenetrable; not readily understood; mysterious |

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| <b>insightful</b> - discerning; perceptive  |
| <b>intangible</b> - not able to be perceived by the senses; vague   |
| <b>intricacy</b> - complexity; knottiness   |
| <b>irony</b> - hidden sarcasm or satire; use of words that seem to mean the opposite of what they actually mean |
| <b>larceny</b> - theft  |
| <b>loathe</b> - detest  |
| <b>malice</b> - hatred; spite   |
| <b>meek</b> - quiet and obedient; spiritless  |
| <b>meticulous</b> - excessively careful; painstakingly scrupulous   |
| <b>misconception</b> - misunderstanding; misinterpretation  |
| <b>misrepresent</b> - give a false or incorrect impression, usually intentionally                               |

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| <b>mock</b> - ridicule; imitate, often in derision                                      |
| <b>monarchy</b> - government under a single ruler                                       |
| <b>monotony</b> - sameness leading to boredom   |
| <b>mutability</b> - ability to change in form; fickleness                               |
| <b>naiveté</b> - quality of being unsophisticated; simplicity; artlessness; gullibility |
| <b>nocturnal</b> - relating to, occurring, or active in the night                       |
| <b>nostalgia</b> - homesickness; longing for the past                                   |
| <b>notorious</b> - disreputable; widely known; scandalous                               |
| <b>nurture</b> - nourish; educate; foster   |
| <b>obnoxious</b> - offensive; objectionable   |
| <b>obscure</b> - (adj) dark; vague; unclear   |
| <b>obscure</b> - (v) darken; make unclear   |

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| <b>opaque</b> - not transparent; penetrable by light only   |
| <b>optimist</b> - person who looks on the good side   |
| <b>outmoded</b> - no longer stylish; old-fashioned  |
| <b>pacifist</b> - one opposed to force; antimilitarist  |
| <b>pacify</b> - soothe; make calm or quiet; subdue  |
| <b>paradox</b> - something apparently contradictory in nature; statement that looks false but is actually correct |
| <b>patronize</b> - support; act superior toward; be a customer of   |
| <b>pedantic</b> - showing off learning; bookish   |
| <b>perjury</b> - false testimony while under oath   |
| <b>perpetual</b> - everlasting  |
| <b>pervasive</b> - pervading; spread throughout every part  |

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| <b>pessimism</b> - belief that life is basically bad or evil; gloominess  |
| <b>petulant</b> - touchy; peevish   |
| <b>phenomena</b> - observable facts or events   |
| <b>philanthropist</b> - lover of mankind; doer of good  |
| <b>plagiarize</b> - steal another's words or ideas and pass them off as one's own                               |
| <b>potency</b> - power; effectiveness; influence  |
| <b>pragmatic</b> - practical (as opp. to idealistic); concerned with the practical worth or impact of something |
| <b>precedent</b> - something preceding in time that may be used as an authority or guide for future action      |
| <b>predator</b> - creature that seizes and devours another animal; person who robs or exploits others           |
| <b>premise</b> - assumption; postulate  |

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| <b>premonition</b> - forewarning   |
| <b>prevail</b> - triumph; predominate; prove superior in strength, power, or influence; be current |
| <b>prey</b> - target of a hunt; victim   |
| <b>profound</b> - deep; not superficial; complete  |
| <b>proliferation</b> - rapid growth; spread; multiplication  |
| <b>prolific</b> - abundantly fruitful  |
| <b>prologue</b> - introduction (to a poem or a play)   |
| <b>prominent</b> - conspicuous; notable; sticking out  |
| <b>promote</b> - help to flourish; advance in rank; publicize                                      |
| <b>prophetic</b> - foretelling the future  |
| <b>prosperity</b> - good fortune; financial success; physical well-being                           |
| <b>provocative</b> - arousing anger or interest; annoying  |

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| <b>prudent</b> - cautious; careful  |
| <b>random</b> - without definite plan, purpose, or aim; haphazard             |
| <b>recluse</b> - hermit, loner  |
| <b>refute</b> - disprove  |
| <b>relinquish</b> - give up something with reluctance; yield                  |
| <b>renown</b> - fame  |
| <b>repudiate</b> - disown; disavow  |
| <b>reserved</b> - self-controlled; careful in expressing oneself              |
| <b>resolution</b> - determination   |
| <b>resolve</b> - decide; settle; solve  |
| <b>restraint</b> - moderation or self-control; controlling force; restriction |
| <b>retain</b> - keep; employ  |
| <b>reticent</b> - reserved; uncommunicative; inclined to be silent            |

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| <b>reverent</b> - respectful; worshipful                    |
| <b>ruthless</b> - pitiless; cruel                           |
| <b>satirize</b> - mock                                      |
| <b>scrutinize</b> - examine closely and critically          |
| <b>seclusion</b> - isolation; solitude                      |
| <b>serenity</b> - calmness; placidity                       |
| <b>sever</b> - cut; separate                                |
| <b>severity</b> - harshness; intensity; austerity; rigidity |
| <b>singular</b> - unique; extraordinary; odd                |
| <b>skeptical</b> - doubting                                 |
| <b>stratagem</b> - deceptive scheme                         |
| <b>subdued</b> - less intense; quieter                      |
| <b>superficial</b> - trivial; shallow                       |
| <b>superfluous</b> - excessive; unnecessary                 |

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| <b>suppress</b> - crush; subdue; inhibit   |
| <b>surpass</b> - exceed  |
| <b>suspend</b> - defer or postpone; expel or eject; halt or discontinue; hang from above |
| <b>sustain</b> - experience; support; nourish  |
| <b>symmetry</b> - arrangement of parts so balance is obtained; congruity                 |
| <b>synthesis</b> - combining parts into a whole  |
| <b>taciturn</b> - habitually silent; talking little                                      |
| <b>tedious</b> - boring; tiring  |
| <b>temperament</b> - characteristic frame of mind; disposition; emotional excess         |
| <b>termination</b> - end   |
| <b>thwart</b> - baffle; frustrate  |
| <b>toxic</b> - poisonous   |

**transparent** - easily detected; permitting light to pass through freely

**trepidation** - fear; nervous apprehension

**turbulence** - state of violent agitation

**urbane** - suave; refined; elegant

**utopia** - ideal place, state, or society

**vacillate** - waver; fluctuate

**versatile** - having many talents; capable of working in many fields

**vigor** - active strength

**volatile** - changeable; explosive

**wary** - very cautious

**withhold** - hold back; desist from giving; keep possession of