

8th Grade ELA Master Vocabulary List

A few words about the words:

- *The list is compiled to prepare you for high school and future tests such as the PSAT and SAT.*
- *The list does not include vocabulary specific to the reading that we do; These words are an addition to reading sets of vocabulary, although occasionally there may be some crossover/repetition.*
- *This list is subject to change.*
- *Throughout the school year, the list is delivered to you in “sets” that include information about each word—definitions, synonyms, antonyms, parts of speech, and sample sentences, all of which is part of regular grammar and vocabulary tests.*

abhor
abrasive
accord
adept
adjudicate
advocate
aggravate
agile
allege
allot
aloof
altruistic
amiss
anarchy
apathetic
aptitude
arbitrate
assail

assimilate
assume
assumption
audacious
augment
avail
avid
awry
balmy
belligerent
benign
bizarre
bountiful
cache
capacious
capricious
captivate
censure
charisma
cite
clad
clarify
cogent
cognizant
commence
component
conceal
conclude
conjecture
connoisseur
conquer
conscientious
conservative
consistent
contradict
contrast
convey
convoluted
corroborate

crusade
corroborate
culminate
debilitate
deceptive
decipher
deface
defect
depict
deplore
depress
desist
desolate
despicable
despise
despondent
deter
devotion
dialect
disgruntled
disparage
disposition
disseminate
doctrine
dogmatic
dub
eccentric
egregious
elucidate
embark
embrace
encompass
enhance
enigma
enigmatic
enrich
entice
ephemeral
equanimity

era
equivocate
esoteric
evoke
evolve
exacerbate
excerpt
exculpate
exemplify
exonerate
exotic
fallacy
fastidious
fiend
flair
flustered
forfeit
foster
garrulous
grapple
gruesome
haggard
haven
hindrance
hover
humane
idiosyncratic
imminent
imperative
impetuous
impugn
inculpate
indict
ineffable
infinite
insight
instill
institute
interrogate

intricate
juxtaposition
liberal
litigate
litigious
lofty
loll
lucid
luminous
magnanimous
mellifluous
memoir
mercenary
minimize
mitigate
muse
nonchalant
observe
obfuscate
ostentatious
pang
panorama
pensive
perfunctory
perish
pernicious
pithy
pivotal
plausible
plunder
porous
precise
prevaricate
pungent
quirk
rankle
rebel
rebuke
rebut

reception
redress
remonstrate
renounce
repudiate
rubble
sage
serene
simulate
simultaneous
spontaneous
stamina
specious
staple
stint
substantiate
superfluous
surmise
surpass
susceptible
swelter
teem
tirade
transition
trepidation
turbulent
tycoon
ubiquitous
vice versa
vie
vilify
voracious
whimsical