

Wordly Wise Vocabulary List

Use these words for your vocabulary tic-tac-toe assignments. For extra practice, use them in your writing pieces, underline them in your reading, and mention them in everyday conversation!

Lesson 5

avalanche n. : a great mass of ice, earth, or snow mixed with rocks sliding down a mountain

blizzard n. : a heavy snowstorm with strong winds

challenge v. : to invite others to take part in a contest OR to cause a person to use a lot of skill or effort OR to question or to argue against, especially when something is unfair or unjust

challenge n. : an interesting task or problem; something that takes skill or effort OR a call to take part in a contest

conquer v. : to get better of OR to defeat

conquest n. : the act of defeating

crevice n. : a deep, narrow opening in rock caused by a split or crack

foolhardy adj. : unwisely bold or daring

lure v. : to tempt or attract with the promise of something good

lure n. : something that attracts OR artificial bait used for fishing

makeshift n. : a temporary and usually less strong replacement

makeshift adj. : used as a temporary replacement

optimist n. : one who looks at things in the most positive way; a cheerful, hopeful person

optimistic adj. : cheerful, hopeful

optimism n. : a feeling of hope or cheerfulness

previous adj. : earlier; happening before

route n. : the path that must be followed to get to a place OR a fixed course or area assigned to as sales or delivery person

summit n. : the highest part; the top OR a conference or meeting of the top leaders of governments

terse adj. : short and to the point

thwart v. : to block or defeat the plans or efforts of

vertical adj. : running straight up and down; upright

Lesson 6

abolish v. : to bring to an end; to do away with

agony n. : great pain of mind or body; suffering

agonizing adj. : very painful

catapult n. : a machine used in ancient wars that threw objects with great force

catapult v. : to move or be moved suddenly and with great force, as if by a catapult

character n. : the qualities that make a person or place different or special OR a person in a story, movie, or play OR a letter of symbol used in writing or printing

denounce v. : to speak out against something; to criticize OR to accuse someone of doing wrong

escalate v. : to go up or increase in size or scope

grim adj. : cruel; fierce OR unfriendly or threatening; stern OR unpleasant; disturbing

harbor n. : a protected place along a seacoast where ships can find shelter

harbor v. : to give shelter to; to take care of by hiding OR to hold and nourish a thought or feeling in the mind

inflict v. : to cause something painful to be felt

loathe v. : to hate or dislike greatly

loathing n. : a feeling of hatred

meddle v. : to involve oneself in other people's affairs without being asked

meddlesome adj. : given to taking part in others' affair without being asked

monstrous adj. : causing shock; horrible; wicked OR extremely large

rouse v. : to awaken, to wake up OR to stir up; to excite

steadfast adj. : unchanging; steady; loyal

translate v. : to put into a different language

Lesson 7

- colony** n. : a group of people, animals, or plants living close together OR a group of people who settle in a new land and have legal ties to the country they came from
- compensate** v. : to make up for, to be equivalent to OR to pay for
- compensation** n. : payment or whatever is given or done to make up for something
- deposit** v. : to lay down OR to put money into a bank account or to give as partial payment
- deposit** n. : something laid down OR money put into a bank account or given as partial payment
- fascinate** v. : to attract; to strongly hold the interest of
- fascinating** adj. : extremely interesting
- feeble** adj. : having little strength, weak OR not very believable or satisfying
- formal** adj. : following rules or customs, often in an exact and proper way OR suitable for events where strict standards of dress and behavior are expected
- frigid** adj. : very cold OR lacking a warm manner; unfriendly
- harsh** adj. : rough and unpleasant to the senses OR causing pain; cruel OR not suitable for living things; extremely uncomfortable
- huddle** v. : to crowd together OR to curl one's limbs up close to one's body
- huddle** n. : a closely packed group
- remote** adj. : far away in time or space OR slight or faint OR controlled indirectly or from a distance OR distant manner
- resemble** v. : to be like or similar to
- rigid** adj. : stiff and unbending; not flexible OR strict; not easily changed
- solitary** adj. : being alone; lacking the company of others OR being the only one
- substantial** adj. : strong; solid OR great in value or size
- waddle** v. : to walk with short steps, swaying from side to side
- waddle** n. : an awkward, clumsy walk

Lesson 8

- assemble** v. : to bring together into a group; to gather OR to put or fit together
- assembly** n. : a group of people gathered for a certain purpose OR fitting together of various parts
- banquet** n. : a large meal for many people; a feast
- cargo** n. : the load carried by a plane or ship
- cask** n. : a barrel-shaped container, especially one for holding liquids
- celebrate** v. : to honor something in a special way
- celebrated** adj. : famous
- decrease** v. : to become smaller or less
- decrease** n. : the amount by which something becomes smaller
- desperate** adj. : reckless because of feelings of despair OR so serious as to be almost hopeless
- edible** adj. : safe or fit to be eaten
- frivolous** adj. : not serious or important; silly
- frivolity** n. : silly or lightened play
- harvest** n. : the gathering of ripe crops for a season OR the quantity of crops gathered
- harvest** v. : to gather in the crops
- hew** v. : to chop down or cut with blows from an ax OR to cut or shape with blows of an ax or similar tool
- hostile** adj. : unfriendly; of or like an enemy
- hostility** n. : the expression of unfriendly feelings
- pledge** v. : to make a serious promise
- pledge** n. : a serious promise
- prosper** v. : to succeed, especially in terms of money
- prosperous** adj. : enjoying growth and success
- task** n. : a piece of work that needs to be done