

7th Grade Vocabulary – List 1

Academic Language			
Word	Definition	Sentence	Context/Related Words
1. Frivolous	If you describe someone as frivolous, you mean they behave in a silly or light-hearted way, rather than being serious and sensible. (adj)		trivial, lighthearted
2. Assimilate	When people such as immigrants assimilate into a community or when that community assimilates them, they become an accepted part of it. (verb) If you assimilate new ideas, techniques, or information, you learn them or adopt them (verb)	When Alex moved to France, he found it very difficult to assimilate into French society. I was speechless, still trying to assimilate the enormity of what he'd told me.	Similar words—integrate Integrate means to take in and make a part of, while Assimilate means to take in and make similar. The words integrate and assimilate are frequently used in the context of immigration. When immigrants integrate into a society, they become part of the rest, but may maintain their previous culture. If an immigrant assimilates to his new country, he becomes like the rest of his new society and he adopts this new culture.
3. Acknowledge	If you acknowledge a fact, you accept that it is true. If you acknowledge someone, you show them that you have seen and recognized them.	Health care has not been acknowledged as an urgent national problem. Do you acknowledge that you did not finish the work on time? She acknowledged Briana by nodding her head quickly. Acknowledgement	Similar Word: Admit (def 1) and Greet (def 2)
4. Facetious	If you say that someone is being facetious, you are criticizing them because they are making humorous remarks or saying things that they do not mean in a situation where they ought to be serious. (adj)		teasing
5. Inquire	To inquire is to ask about something, or to ask a question. (verb)	I'd like to inquire about the job posted in the newspaper. Please inquire with the principal about getting permission to miss school. "May I leave?" she inquired. Inquiry	Similar word: ask, question Inquire is significantly more formal word than either ask or question. Note the usage: You would never say "I want to inquire you a question." Rather, "I wanted to inquire about something."

<p>6. Articulate</p>	<p>If you are articulate, you are able to express yourself well. (adj) When you articulate your ideas or feelings, you express them clearly in words. (verb)</p>	<p>He was so articulate during his presentation that he must have practiced many times. Katrina is very smart, but she doesn't articulate her thoughts in class. -ate</p>	<p>Similar word: clear (adj.) and express(verb) When the word articulate is used to describe speech or writing, it indicates that the expression was of the utmost clarity. For example, this sentence is redundant—He articulated his ideas clearly. But this is not—He expressed his ideas clearly. The verb express does not indicate the level of clarity, where as articulate does have that connotation.</p>
<p>7. Surmise</p>	<p>If you surmise that something is true, you guess from the information available that it is true, but you do not know for certain. (verb)</p>	<p>She surmised that her father did not call her because he was still at work. I can only surmise that my father took out the trash, because it's no longer here.</p>	<p>Similar word: Guess Unlike guess, surmise indicates that reasoning or logical thought was applied to come to the answer. In both sentence examples, there is evidence for why the subject surmised what they did.</p>
<p>8. Persist</p>	<p>If you persist, you continue to do something despite any warnings, difficulties, or problems. (verb)</p>	<p>Why do you persist to talk after I've asked you not to? Please persist in studying for this exam. persistence, persistent</p>	<p>Similar word: Continue If you persist, means that there were obstacles (or in the case of the first sentence should have been obstacles) in the way from you continuing or moving forward. . Sentence A: The mayor is persisting with policies to support charter schools Sentence B: The mayor is continuing with policies to support charter schools. The first sentence indicates that there are challenges to continuing because of the use of the verb persist.</p>
<p>9. Oppress</p>	<p>To oppress people means to treat them cruelly, or to prevent them from having the same opportunities, freedom, and benefits as others. (verb) If something oppresses you, it makes you feel depressed, anxious, and uncomfortable. (verb)</p>	<p>The government of Nicaragua is known for oppressing political activists. The non-stop snow last winter oppressed her spirits.</p>	<p>Similar words 1—abuse, persecute, overwhelm Similar words 2—burden, depress</p>

<p>10. Conserve</p>	<p>If you conserve a supply of something, you use it carefully so that it lasts for a long time. (verb) To conserve something means to protect it from harm, loss, or change. (verb)</p>	<p>The factory shuts down every Saturday in order to conserve energy. It is essential for countries to conserve their natural resources like forests and water.</p>	<p>Similar words—save, preserve</p>
<p>11. Inflate</p>	<p>If you inflate something such as a balloon or tire, or if it inflates, it becomes bigger as it is filled with air or a gas. (verb) If you say that someone inflates the price of something, or that the price inflates, you mean that the price increases. (verb) If someone inflates the amount or effect of something, they say it is bigger, better, or more important than it really is, usually so that they can profit from it. (verb)</p>	<p>We inflated 100 balloons for our grandmother’s 100th birthday celebration. Prices at souvenir shops are notoriously inflated. I recently had to switch mechanics when I realized he was inflating the costs of his services.</p>	<p>Similar Word: Increase</p>
<p>12. Project (focus on verb form)</p>	<p>If something is projected, it is planned or expected. (verb) If you project someone or something in a particular way, you try to make people see them in that way. If you project a particular feeling or quality, you show it in your behavior. (verb) If you project feelings or ideas on to other people, you imagine that they have the same ideas or feelings as you. (verb)</p>	<p>The government projects that the unemployment rate will hang steady this month. John projects a natural warmth and sincerity; everyone loves being around him.</p>	<p>Scholars will have knowledge of the noun form of this word. However, they are less likely to know its pronunciation and meaning as a verb. Instruction should focus on this form of the word.</p>
<p>13. Dystopia</p>	<p>A dystopia is a society characterized by human misery because of poverty, oppression, disease, and overcrowding. (n)</p>	<p>The situation after the tsunami left the city completely devastated, perhaps like one of science fiction’s most horrible dystopias.</p>	<p>Note: This word appears supplementary texts for <u>The Giver</u></p>

<p>14. Utopia</p>	<p>A utopia is an ideal place or state. (n)</p> <p>It is often used to describe the idea of a place with political and social perfection.</p>	<p>The town’s founders wanted to create a Christian utopia.</p> <p>Stamford is a nice place to live, but it’s no utopia.</p>	<p>Note: This word appears supplementary texts for <u>The Giver</u></p>
<p>15. Ethical</p>	<p>If something is described as ethical, it is in line with accepted standards of social or professional behavior. (adj)</p> <p>Ethical is often used in discussions about morals and what is right and wrong.</p> <p>Ethics (n)</p> <p>Ethically (adv)</p>	<p>In the past, it was not considered ethical for doctors to advertise.</p> <p>The Senate holds a hearing to determine the moral and ethical issues around a bill that has been proposed.</p>	<p>Note: This word appears supplementary texts for <u>The Giver</u></p>
<p>16. Conform</p>	<p>To comply with laws, standards, or rules (verb)</p> <p>Conform is often used to talk about people who adhere to societal expectations very closely, sometimes <i>too</i> closely; it can sometimes have a negative connotation, and is used to contrast those who “take their own paths.”</p>	<p>Most teenagers feel peer pressure to conform, rather than be themselves.</p> <p>If you don’t follow the school rules, you could get in trouble for not conforming.</p>	<p>Similar words: adapt, fit, comply</p>

<p>17. Chaos</p>	<p>Chaos is a state of extreme confusion and disorder. It describes a total lack of organization and order. (n)</p>	<p>Planning is supposed to eliminate the chaos of the battlefield, but every soldier knows that is impossible.</p> <p>New areas of technology often result from chaos and confusion over the mission.</p> <p>The future of computers may depend on understanding the chaos that defines human thinking.</p>	<p>Note: This word appears in <u>The Giver</u></p>
<p>18. Indicate</p>	<p>To indicate is to show, point out, or make known. (v)</p> <p>Indicate can also mean to be a sign of or to give evidence for something.</p> <p>Indication (n)</p>	<p>The thermometer indicates air temperature.</p> <p>We asked for directions and the helpful man indicated the place on the map that we were looking for.</p> <p>His hesitation really indicates his doubt about the decision.</p> <p>I was listening for some indication that Monica understood what I had just said.</p>	
<p>19. Anguish</p>	<p>Anguish is excruciating or major distress, suffering, or pain. (n)</p>	<p>The anguish over the loss of a parent is one of the most difficult things a person can go through in life.</p>	<p>Note: This word appears in <u>The Giver</u></p>

20. Aptitude	Aptitude is intelligence or quickness in learning and understanding. (n)	Shalia's incredible aptitude for reading comprehension was at the high school level, even though she was only in 6 th grade. While discovering your interests is a good first step, it is important to then consider your aptitudes .	Note: This word appears in <u>The Giver</u>
21. Apprehensive	If you are feeling apprehensive about something, you are uneasy or fearful about what might happen. (adj)	Talia was apprehensive about telling her parents that she wanted to go to college 7 hours away.	Note: This word appears in <u>The Giver</u>
22. Assuage	When you assuage a situation, you relieve or ease it, make it milder or less severe. (v)	A conviction does nothing to assuage grief or diminish the crime. The authorities agreed to hold the vote over one day instead of two, to assuage fears of corruption.	Note: This word appears in <u>The Giver</u>
23. Carnage	Carnage is the slaughter of a large number of people as in a battle, butchery, or massacre. (n)	The carnage at Babyn Yar resulted in the death of 33,771 people in just two days. Better trained officers and prosecutors are a necessary step to reducing the carnage on our nation's highways.	Note: This word appears in <u>The Giver</u>

24. Chastise	To chastise means to discipline or severely criticize someone. (v)	<p>While a baseball team’s manager may swear, spit, and kick dust all over umpires, rarely will he publicly chastise his ballplayers.</p> <p>The public will chastise a politician who tries to implement something that goes against what she claimed in her campaign.</p>	Note: This word appears in <u>The Giver</u>
25. Dejected	If you are dejected , you are depressed, disheartened, and low-spirited. (adj)	<p>Kevin felt dejected after losing the championship chess match.</p> <p>When Kellis moved to a new school, she was treated like an outsider for weeks and often felt dejected.</p>	Note: This word appears in <u>The Giver</u>
26. Distraught	If a person is distraught he is distracted or deeply agitated. (adj)	<p>Aaliyah was so distraught, she couldn’t even utter a clear thought or sentence.</p> <p>A social worker may often be in contact with emotionally distraught and devastated families.</p>	Note: This word appears in <u>The Giver</u>
27. Exasperate	To exasperate means to excessively irritate, or provoke. (v)	<p>The driver was exasperated by the senseless delays on the interstate.</p> <p>Bill exasperated me with his ignorance.</p>	Note: This word appears in <u>The Giver</u>
28. Ominous	Ominous means threatening or menacing. (adj)	<p>An ominous mass of dark clouds filled the sky.</p> <p>Some of the events were immediately ominous, while others only later revealed themselves as such.</p>	Note: This word appears in <u>The Giver</u>
29. Implore	If you implore , you beg urgently. (v)	I implored my older brother to take me to the concert with him, but he took his friend instead.	Note: This word appears in <u>The Giver</u>

30. Nondescript	Nondescript means uninteresting, dull, or undistinguished. (adj)	They chose a nondescript color to paint the walls in the basement. Her voice was low and soft but otherwise nondescript .	Note: This word appears in <u>The Giver</u>
31. Obsolete	Something that is obsolete is out of date. (adj)	The obsolete battleship was converted into a naval museum. Touchscreens may eventually make the keyboard obsolete .	Note: This word appears in <u>The Giver</u>
32. Prestige	Prestige is a reputation or influence that comes from success, achievement, or rank. (n) Prestige is used to describe a reputation that comes from positive (not negative) attributes.	Harvard is a university of very high prestige .	Note: This word appears in <u>The Giver</u>
33. Solace	If you take solace in something, you find comfort during sorrow, misfortune, or trouble. (n)	We took solace in the fact that, although we lost our home, our family was safe and sound. The minister's visit was the dying man's only solace .	Note: This word appears in <u>The Giver</u>
34. Peril	Peril is exposure to injury, loss, harm, or danger. (n)	The hikers faced the peril of falling rocks.	Note: This word appears in <u>The Giver</u>
35. Indulgent	Indulgent means lenient or permissive. (adj)	The indulgent father allowed the children to do whatever they wanted.	Self-indulgent Note: This word appears in <u>The Giver</u>

Morpheme List #1		
Root	Meaning	Common Words
Anti-	Against	Antiwar, antifreeze, antidote, antisocial, antiseptic, antigravity
Post-	After	Postpone, postdate, postmortem

Inter-	Between	Intercept, interview, intermediate, interfere, intercom, intermission, interim, international
Intra-	Within	Intramural, intravenous
cred	believe	creed, credo, incredible, incredulous, credence