

7th Grade Vocabulary – List 3

Academic Language			
Word	Definition	Sentence	Context/Related Words
1. disperse	When a group of people disperses, the group splits up and the people leave in different directions. (verb) When things disperse, or when you disperse them, they spread over a wide area. (verb)	After the concert was over the crowd dispersed. Riot police were needed to disperse the protesters at recent global warming talks. Our leaflets were dispersed throughout the country. dispersal, dis-	
2. meticulous	If you describe someone as meticulous, you mean that they do things very carefully and with great attention to detail. (adj) If something is done meticulously, it is done with great care.	My uncle is a meticulous woodcarver and makes incredibly detailed gifts for me every year. I meticulously packed my bag before going on away for the entire summer, making sure I did not leave anything behind that I would really need.	Detail-oriented, perfectionist
3. Saunter	If you saunter somewhere, you walk there in a slow, casual way. (verb)	She sauntered along the river, enjoying the beautiful day.	Walk, stroll

<p>4. ludicrous</p>	<p>If you describe something as ludicrous, you are emphasizing that you think it is foolish, unreasonable, or unsuitable. (adj)</p>	<p>Saying that Neil Armstrong was the third president of the United States would be a ludicrous statement.</p> <p>We dismissed Henry's ludicrous claim that he could run a mile in 4 minutes flat.</p>	<p>Ridiculous, absurd, cockeyed, derisory, idiotic, laughable, nonsensical, preposterous,</p> <p>Ludicrous originally meant something that was funny, playful, or joking: a ludicrous comment was just a really funny comment. Over time, ludicrous took on a more negative flavor. Now a ludicrous statement might be funny, but it's also ridiculous, hard to believe, off the wall, or even stupid. When people say "That idea is ludicrous!" it usually means the idea could never happen: the notion is laughable.</p>
<p>5. Banter</p>	<p>Banter is friendly teasing or joking talk. (noun)</p> <p>To banter with someone is to joke around with them. (verb)</p>	<p>Please don't get angry at what he said—it was just harmless banter.</p> <p>After school, you can always find Mike laughing and bantering with his friends on the stoop.</p>	<p>Tease</p>

6. conscientious	Conscientious means characterized by great care and effort. (adj) Conscientious is also used to describe a person or action that is guided by the conscience or sense of right and wrong. (adj)	Each day, a teacher wishes to see conscientious application of the knowledge learned in that class period. I made a conscientious decision to speak out against injustice for the rest of my life. Being an informed and conscientious citizen is an important quality.	Conscious,
7. Dawdle	If you dawdle while doing something, you take more time than is necessary. (verb)	If you dawdle while you're doing your homework, we won't get to go to the park.	
8. Ostracize	If you ostracize someone, you agree to exclude them from society, friendship, conversation, or privileges. (verb)	New people at school can feel ostracized and alone. After he yelled at Tiana, Adonis was ostracized from his group of friends.	
9. boisterous	Someone who is boisterous is noisy, lively, and full of energy. (adj)	I had a boisterous crowd at my New Year's Eve party.	
10. Console	If you console someone who is unhappy, you try and make them more cheerful. (verb)	I took him to all of his favorite places, but he was so upset that nothing could console him. Go console your little sister by giving her a hug. consolation	
11. Chide	If you chide someone, you scold them. (verb)	Please don't chide me for being late—my car broke down! The mother chided her daughter for stealing a candy from the shop.	

12. Mutter	If you mutter , you speak very quietly so that you cannot be easily heard, often because you are complaining about something. (verb)	I can't hear you if you mutter under your breath. "Fat chance of that," he muttered. muttering	
13. Congregate	When people congregate , they gather together. (verb)	Teenagers love to congregate at the community pool during the summer. congregation -ate	
14. Adorn	If something adorns a place or an object, it makes it look more beautiful. (verb)		
15. Commend	If you commend someone or something, you praise them formally. (verb) Someone commends a person or thing to you, they tell you that you will find them good or useful. (verb)	The reports commend the soldier's bravery in battle.	
16. Reliant	To be reliant is to depend on someone or something. (verb) Being reliant is about being dependent. If you can do without something, you're not reliant on it	Kids are reliant on their parents for food and shelter. We're all reliant on the police to keep us safe, but the police are reliant on the government for funding.	When you feel like you don't need other people, you can say you're self-reliant.
17. Overcome	If someone is overcome with emotion or physical illness, he is overpowered or overwhelmed with it. (verb) Overcome also means to win or triumph over something. (verb)	On the day of the class trip to Ellis Island, I was overcome with illness and had to stay home in bed. I was overcome with joy and relief when my sister returned home from her tour of duty in Afghanistan. I overcame my shyness and gave a speech in front of the class.	

<p>18. Objectify</p>	<p>To objectify someone means to degrade her/him to the status of an object. (verb)</p> <p>Objectify also means to express something abstract in concrete terms.</p>	<p>Historically, the media has objectified women, reducing them to their looks, then judging and belittling them.</p> <p>Great poetry objectifies feeling and connects with reader.</p>	<p>Objectification</p>
<p>19. Resolute</p>	<p>Use the adjective resolute to describe a purposeful and determined person, someone who wants to do something very much, and won't let anything get in the way.</p>	<p>Scholars with resolute determination can acquire an incredible amount of skill in one short school year.</p> <p>Even though they were outnumbered, the soldiers stood resolute against the enemy.</p>	<p>resolved, adamant, unswerving, unwavering, determined</p>
<p>20. Propel</p>	<p>To propel is to push or drive forward (verb)</p> <p>Propel also means to give an incentive for action.</p>	<p>In the early 20th century, ships were propelled mainly by steam that was heated in the belly of the ship.</p> <p>A rapidly expanding middle class has propelled the trend of moving out of the city into the suburbs.</p> <p>Our protest was propelled by civic action and a desire for justice.</p>	<p>When you hear the verb propel, imagine the propeller on an airplane — that spinning thing on the front that pulls the plane forward.</p>
<p>21. Rampant</p>	<p>Rampant means wild, out of control (adj)</p> <p>When describing plants, rampant means having a lush and unchecked growth. (adj)</p>	<p>The children ran rampant at the supermarket even though their mother tried to control them.</p> <p>I spent my weekend tackling the rampant growth of weeds in my front yard.</p>	<p>If you're running rampant, you're on a rampage.</p>
<p>22. Vexation</p>	<p>Vexation is both something that causes annoyance and the state of mind that results from being annoyed. (noun)</p> <p>The test-taker next to you tapping her pencil is a vexation. You breaking her pencil in half makes her feel vexation.</p>	<p>As the minutes passed, his cool demeanor was giving way to vexation.</p>	

23. Recuperate	<p>To recuperate is to get something back that you have lost — could be good health, or money lost in a bad investment. (verb) When you recuperate, you heal and recover.</p>	<p>After babysitting three children for an entire day, I needed time to rest and recuperate. The gambler tried to recuperate losses by betting even more money against the house.</p>	
24. Heredity	<p>Heredity is the biological process responsible for passing on physical traits from one generation to another. (noun) It can refer to inheriting characteristics from your parents (like hair or eye color), or it can refer more broadly to the passing on of genetic factors from one generation to the next.</p>	<p>Due to heredity, some people are more susceptible to diseases and disorders like cancer, alcoholism, and depression.</p>	
25. Malingering	<p>When you malingering, you pretend to be sick. (verb) If you ever claimed to have a stomach ache in order to stay home from school, you know what it means to malingering.</p>	<p>Many company detectives have been making covert use of GPS devices to follow employees suspected of theft or malingering.</p>	
26. Wretched	<p>Wretched is an all-around unhappy word. If you're very ill, heartbroken, or riddled with guilt, you may feel wretched. (adj) This word is also used to describe awful living conditions</p>	<p>After being sick for weeks, I couldn't remember a time when I did not feel completely wretched. My wretched cabin at sleep-away camp this summer was freezing cold and infested with rats.</p>	
27. Abide	<p>Abide means to be able to live with, or stand. (verb)</p>	<p>Though we don't always like restrictions, we abide by the rules in our home in order to respect our parents. I cannot abide my sister's shrill violin playing; I must leave the house every time she opens her case to practice.</p>	<p>If you can't abide with something, it means you can't stand it. If you can abide it, it means you can live with it.</p>

<p>28. Unwieldy</p>	<p>Something is unwieldy if it is difficult to use or handle or manage because of size or weight or shape. (adj) Unwieldy can also be used to describe something that is difficult to work or manipulate or a person who lacks grace in movement and posture.</p>	<p>The delivery woman almost dropped the unwieldy parcel as she was attempting to get it up the stairs. In order to stand up, the old man had to heave his unwieldy figure out of the chair.</p>	
<p>29. Innocuous</p>	<p>Something that is innocuous isn't harmful or likely to cause injury. (adj)</p>	<p>Public figures like mayors and governors have to expect they'll get critical or even hurtful emails and phone calls, as well as more innocuous feedback.</p>	<p>Innocuous remarks or comments are meant kindly, and innocuous germs won't make you sick. An innocuous question is innocently curious, rather than aimed to hurt someone's feelings.</p>
<p>30. Disclose</p>	<p>Disclose means to reveal or expose information that has previously been kept a secret (verb) Disclose can also mean to expose to view as by removing a cover. (verb)</p>	<p>A politician might be forced to disclose his finances or former scandals while running for office. The curtain rose to disclose a stunning set.</p>	
<p>31. Transient</p>	<p>Transient is used to describe a situation that lasts only a short time or is constantly changing. (adj) Transient is also a noun meaning a person who moves from place to place; a homeless person.</p>	<p>Older people sometimes lament youth's transient beauty. The transient laborers were hired daily and were uncertain of what type of work each job would bring.</p>	<p>Transient is most often used to modify nouns like nature, threat, source and cause, which suggests that the word often shows up in formal contexts, such as analysis of finance or global terrorism. But it can also be used for anything that moves quickly from one thing to another, like a transient feeling or facial expression.</p>

<p>32. Primitive</p>	<p>Primitive has many meanings. It can mean belonging to an early stage of technical development; or characterized by simplicity and (often) crudeness. (adj)</p> <p>Primitive also means something created by one without formal training.</p> <p>When describing animals, primitive means little evolved from or characteristic of an earlier ancestral type.</p> <p>When describing early civilizations, primitive describes preliterate or non-industrial societies, depending on the source.</p>	<p>Outsiders are often alarmed to see or read about the primitive living conditions in the Appalachian mountains.</p> <p>Primitive art such as that by Grandma Moses is often colorful and striking.</p> <p>Primitive societies are often studied in an effort to understand how cultures evolved to their present condition, or why they did not survive the ages.</p> <p>The okapi is a short-necked primitive cousin of the giraffe.</p>	<p>Prime, primate</p>
<p>33. Provoke</p>	<p>Provoke means to annoy continually or chronically, or to evoke something to occur. (verb)</p> <p>It can also mean to stimulate, or to call forth emotions, feelings, or responses. (verb)</p>	<p>The child's behavior provoked a quarrel between her parents.</p> <p>Lenny Bruce, a famous comedian, used humor to provoke his audience to think.</p>	<p>Evoke, provocation</p>
<p>34. Formidable</p>	<p>Formidable means something that is extremely impressive in strength, excellence, or ability. (adj)</p> <p>Formidable is also used to describe something that inspires fear. (adj)</p>	<p>At the time of his death, the author had a formidable array of compositions to his credit.</p> <p>I approached the match with my formidable opponent with the feeling that, no matter who won, I was proud to have been matched against such a competitor.</p> <p>The formidable prospect of major surgery keeps many people away from the doctor.</p>	

35. Slake	When you slake something, such as a desire or a thirst, you satisfy it. (verb)	A big glass of lemonade on a hot summer day will slake your thirst.	
36. Boundless	Boundless means unlimited, infinite or vast, or seemingly having no bounds. (adj)	Children with boundless energy tire out their parents day in and day out.	
37. Asunder	Asunder is an adverb that means “into separate pieces.” So if you’ve torn asunder the breakup letter from your girlfriend; you’ve forcefully ripped it into separate pieces.	The community risks being torn asunder by religious, ethnic, and tribal divides.	apart
38. Calamity	A calamity is an event resulting in great loss and misfortune. (Noun) Use the word calamity to describe an event that causes great harm and misery, or a general state of distress or misery: the calamity of war.	The entire city of Boston was affected by the irremediable calamity of the bombing at the Boston Marathon and subsequent hunt to find the culprits.	Catastrophe, disaster
39. Discomfit	To discomfit someone is to make them feel uncomfortable or upset. (verb)	An easy way to discomfit another person is to use the age-old, childish trick of ignoring them.	

40. Expedition	An expedition is an organized journey that is undertaken for a particular purpose, or an organized group of people undertaking a journey for a particular purpose (noun)	Last month, a group of scientists launched an expedition to South America to seek out a new medicinal herb. An expedition was sent to explore Mars.	
41. plunder	Plunder means to steal goods, take illegally, or destroy and strip of possession. (verb) Plunder is also used as a noun to describe the loot that thieves take as they steal and destroy. (noun)	In medieval times, warring armies would plunder entire villages after they had seized control. The thieves escaped the scene with plunder that filled several large duffel bags.	Loot (both noun and verb form), steal, pillage, strip, sack, rape, violate
42. Terrain	Terrain is used to describe the ground, when you're specifically interested in how it appears or is shaped. (noun)	Much of humankind's history can be traced by its effort to alter the terrain. We've made mountains into meadows, rivers into lakes, and prairies into roads, all to make the terrain more livable for us.	In times of war, you'll often hear the term "hostile terrain" used to describe a region with lots of mountains, vast stretches of desert, or impenetrable jungles.

<p>43. Indigenous</p>	<p>Use indigenous to describe a plant, animal or person that is native or original to an area. (adj)</p>	<p>Though Switzerland is known for its chocolates, chocolate, which comes from the cocoa plant, is indigenous to South America.</p> <p>The history of European contact with people on other continents is a painful history of manipulating, persecuting, enslaving, or murdering Indigenous populations they encountered.</p>	
<p>44. stricken</p>	<p>Stricken means "affected," whether it's in a good way or a bad way.</p> <p>Stricken can mean grievously affected, especially by disease, but it can also mean overwhelmed by emotion. (adj)</p>	<p>I was horrified to realize that I was stricken by a high fever , a sore throat and the chills.</p> <p>My classmates are so stricken by spring fever that they can't stop singing and goofing around.</p>	
<p>45. paltry</p>	<p>A paltry amount is so small it's not even worth thinking about. (adj)</p> <p>Paltry can also mean not worth considering or not important.</p>	<p>In the two first halves, Griffin has posted paltry numbers, completing 11 passes on 24 attempts for 160 yards and two interceptions.</p> <p>In some infants, hair appears in paltry tufts or not at all.</p> <p>If you keep breaking your promises, your friends will get sick of your paltry excuses.</p>	

46. stealthily	If you move stealthily, you do not want to be seen or felt. (adv)	The cat moved stealthily as it approached the mouse.	Stealthily is the adverb form of stealth: Think stealth bomber, that miraculous, if flawed, creation of the American military that was supposed to escape detection, including being nearly invisible on radar. We often think of hunters as moving stealthily. They sneak up on their prey, soundlessly. Originally, the word implied that you were looking to rob or steal something, which makes sense: this term is all about being secretive and undetected. Clumsy people have trouble doing things stealthily.
47. covetous	To be covetous of something is to want it and to be a little jealous of anyone who has it. (adj)	The advertising industry's goal is to make you covetous of the things that other people have — that way, you'll buy them.	

48. Profusely	Profusely is another way of saying "excessively", or in an abundant manner. (adv)	I bled profusely after I cut my finger while chopping onions for dinner. The French author Francois de la Rochefoucauld said, "Nothing is given so profusely as advice."	abundantly, extravagantly, lavishly, richly apologize profusely
49. Esteem	Esteem means to regard highly and with much respect (verb)	I hold my reading teacher in the highest esteem because of the way he takes time to support each student in the class, both in learning and in life.	If you have high self-esteem (noun), it means you like yourself. When you say, "My esteemed colleagues," you are saying you have nothing but the highest respect for them.
50. Dismal	Dismal means causing dejection, and is a dreary, depressing sort of bad. (adj)	With the cold rain and their team behind by six field goals, the mood in the stands was so dismal even the cheerleaders had lost their 'Rah.'	Dismal comes from the Latin dies mali which means "bad days." There is a hopelessness implied in the word. If you fell on the way to school and cut your knee, it would be bad, but not dismal. If you fell into a giant mud puddle and had to wear dirty, crusty clothes until you got home, it might make the school day seem pretty dismal.

51. Solemn	<p>You can use the word solemn to describe anything that's really serious, somber, and dignified.(adj)</p> <p>Solemn can be used to describe a person or thing that is characterized by a firm and humorless belief in the validity of their opinions. (adj)</p>	<p>My grandmother would have been upset that her funeral was such a solemn, somber affair because she always loved making people happy and telling jokes.</p> <p>Often the Oscar winning film in the documentary category is a film with a solemn social message.</p>	<p>The adjective solemn comes from the Latin sollemnis, which means formal or ceremonial. You can still use it to describe a ceremony or event, but it's also a good word for talking about someone who's serious and sincere and maybe lacks a sense of humor about certain things. Here's a trick for remembering it: Think of a "sole man," a serious guy standing alone at a party talking to no one.</p>
52. Intently	<p>Intently means doing something with strained or eager attention (adv)</p>	<p>Spending hours playing games or otherwise intently viewing a screen causes children's eyes to exert effort for long periods.</p> <p>The audience listened intently as the speaker began her dialogue on stage.</p>	

<p>53. Squall</p>	<p>A squall is a powerful, usually brief, burst of wind that usually brings rain or snow with it. (noun)</p> <p>You can also describe a storm-like commotion as a squall, or the sound a wailing child or baby makes. (noun)</p> <p>As a verb, squall means to utter a sudden loud cry, or to make high-pitched whiney noises.</p>	<p>When a snow squall blows across the mountain, skiers take a break in the ski lodge.</p> <p>Some nights, my baby sister wakes us all up with a squall that could deafen you.</p>	
<p>54. Lure</p>	<p>To lure is to entice or bait someone. (verb)</p>	<p>Chicago's central business district is thriving, due in part to a flourishing technology scene and success in luring large corporations to build headquarters in the city.</p>	<p>The verb lure is related to words that mean "bait," "deceit," and "invite." Often, when lure is used, there is a nefarious implication, as in: "He was able to lure her into the alley, but her friends soon came looking for her." The noun lure is the thing that draws in the person or animal, which can be either a physical object or a concept. "The lure of his great wealth kept her in the relationship despite his infidelity."</p>

55. Wrest	To wrest is to forcefully grab or take something away. (verb)	<p>The victim wrested the knife from his attackers hands in order to prevent being stabbed.</p> <p>Some parts of reading comprehension instruction guide students through wresting a meaning from an older text.</p>	This word is strong and a little violent. It's not easy to wrest something away. Wrestling away is a little like "wrestling" something away — you can't get it without a fight. Objects can be wrested away, but so can non-physical things. In a tough election, you could say the new president wrests away the title of commander-in-chief from the incumbent candidate.
56. Precipice	<p>A precipice is the edge of a very steep cliff. (noun)</p> <p>Figuratively, precipice is used to describes how it feels to fall, or fail, in areas of life that don't involve mountains.</p>	<p>Cartoon characters often end up on a precipice where their chubby toes curl and cling as they totter and eventually fall, making a hole in the ground below.</p> <p>Evan knew he was on the precipice of losing everything, but felt he was ready to take that risk.</p>	

Morpheme List #3

Root	Meaning	Common Words
Port	To Carry	Export, import, portage, transport, deport, porter, portable
Ject	To throw	Eject, interject, reject, inject, dejectedly, object, trajectory, objection, project, projection

Rupt	Break	Disrupt, interrupt, erupt, bankrupt, corrupt, eruption, abrupt
Ven	Come	Convene, venue, intervene, convenient, avenue, venture, adventure, event
duct, duce	lead	conduct, induce, induct, produce, reduce
Fid, fide, fede	Faith, trust	confidante, fidelity, confident, infidelity, infidel, federal, confederacy
Fin	End	final, finite, finish, confine, fine, refine, define, finale