

7th Grade Vocabulary

Glossary

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whole definition.

A

abnormal (adj.) unusual; unnatural; p. 24. *Related word:* abnormality; p. 32.

accommodate (v.) to make room for; take care of; make fit; adapt; p. 124. *Related word:* accommodation; p. 131.

accomplishment (n.) achievement; completion; p. 35. *Related word:* accomplish; p. 43.

account (n.) explanation or report; credit arrangement with a bank or business; reckoning of money received or paid out; (v.) to give acceptable reasons or an explanation; p. 112. *Related words:* accountable, accounting; p. 121.

accumulate (v.) to collect; pile up; p. 24. *Related word:* accumulation; p. 32.

acknowledge (v.) to admit; recognize; p. 70. *Related word:* acknowledgment; p. 77.

actual (adj.) real; true; p. 70. *Related word:* actuality; p. 77.

adapt (v.) to adjust in order to fit different circumstances or fill a need; p. 58. *Related words:* adaptable, adaptation; p. 66.

advantage (n.) a more favorable position; superiority or a better chance; p. 35

adverse (adj.) unfavorable; opposed to; negative; p. 112. *Related word:* adversity; p. 121.

alter (v.) to make different; modify; p. 14. *Related words:* alteration, alternate; p. 21.

ample (adj.) more than enough; abundant; plenty; p. 160.

anonymity (n.) namelessness; the state of not having one's name known; p. 160. *Related word:* anonymous; p. 168.

apparel (n.) clothing; p. 183.

apply (v.) to be suitable or relevant; use practically; put on; p. 82. *Related word:* application; p. 90.

appoint (v.) to name for an office or other position; p. 135. *Related words:* appointee, appointment; p. 144.

attitude (n.) point of view; way of thinking; p. 172.

available (adj.) that can be used; accessible; p. 124. *Related word:* avail; p. 131.

awkward (adj.) clumsy; unskilled; p. 58.

B

besiege (v.) to surround with armed forces; overwhelm; p. 124. *Related word:* siege; p. 131.

bewitch (v.) to attract as if by the power of witchcraft or magic; cast a spell on; p. 183.

bitterly (adv.) in a manner characterized by hatred or resentment; p. 135.

Related word: bittersweet; p. 144.

C

campaign (n.) actions undertaken to achieve a political, social, or financial goal; (v.) to engage in a campaign; p. 135.

ceaselessly (adv.) nonstop; unendingly; p. 82. *Related word:* deceased; p. 90.

characteristic (n.) noticeable feature or trait; (adj.) distinctive; typical of an individual, group, or situation; p. 58. *Related word:* character; p. 66.

chemist (n.) an expert in chemistry; p. 14. *Related word:* nonchemical; p. 21.

circulate (v.) to spread; pass from person to person or from place to place; p. 112. *Related word:* circulation; p. 121.

civic (adj.) of or relating to a citizen, citizenship, or governmental affairs; p. 172. *Related words:* civil, civilian, civilize; p. 180.

cluster (n.) a number of things or persons gathered together; bunch; (v.) to gather or grow together; p. 24.

compel (v.) force; p. 183. *Related word:* compulsion; p. 190.

competitor (n.) one who strives for an object, prize, or position; a rival; p. 183. *Related words:* compete, competition; p. 190.

compose (v.) to make by combining different elements or parts; create through artistic or mental effort; quiet or make calm; p. 58.

concern (n.) special interest or regard arising through a personal tie or relationship; a worry; (v.) to relate to; be a care of; care about; p. 172.

condition (n.) manner or state of being; state of health; social rank; anything called for as a requirement; (v.) to bring into desired form; p. 14.

conduct (v.) to carry on; manage; lead; (n.) behavior; management; p. 14. *Related word:* conductor; p. 21.

confederate (n.) ally; associate; p. 112. *Related word:* confederacy; p. 121.

congregate (v.) to gather together; assemble; (adj.) gathered; assembled; p. 124. *Related word:* congregation; p. 131.

considerable (adj.) worth thinking about; important; much or large; p. 183. *Related word:* consider; p. 190.

constant (adj.) regular; uninterrupted; (n.) something unchanging, as a mathematical quantity; p. 35. *Related word:* constantly; p. 43.

consult (v.) to ask the advice of; confer; p. 160. *Related words:* consultant; consultation; p. 168.

continuous (adj.) unbroken; uninterrupted; regular; p. 58. *Related word:* continuity; p. 66.

contradict (v.) to resist or oppose in argument; deny the truth of; p. 183. *Related words:* contradiction, contradictory; p. 190.

contrary (adj.) opposite; p. 160. *Related word:* contrariness; p. 168.

cope (v.) to deal with problems or troubles; fight or contend with successfully or on equal terms; p. 58.

corrective (adj.) tending to improve a defect or weakness; p. 35. *Related word:* correction; p. 43.

correspond (v.) to exchange letters; p. 135. *Related words:* correspondence, correspondent; p. 144.

credit (n.) recognition; honor; praise; (v.) to believe; give recognition or praise; p. 35. *Related word:* creditable; p. 43.

cultured (adj.) refined; educated; knowledgeable about literary and artistic works; p. 172. *Related word:* culture; p. 180.

curious (adj.) questioning; eager for information; p. 24. *Related word:* curiosity; p. 32.

cycle (n.) series of regularly repeated events; (v.) to occur repeatedly at regular intervals; go through a cycle; p. 58. *Related words:* cyclical, recycle; p. 66.

D

decency (n.) proper behavior; socially proper actions; p. 135. *Related word:* decent; p. 144.

decrease (v.) to lessen; diminish; (n.) a reduction; p. 183. *Related word:* increase; p. 190.

dedication (n.) wholehearted devotion; commitment; p. 172.

definite (adj.) precise; exact; certain; p. 160. *Related word:* definitely; p. 168.

demolish (v.) to destroy completely; p. 124. *Related word:* demolition; p. 131.

desperate (adj.) extremely dangerous or serious; hopeless; p. 24. *Related word:* desperation; p. 32.

detect (v.) to discover the existence or presence of; p. 14. *Related words:* detection; detector; p. 21.

determination (n.) act of deciding firmly and purposefully; resolve; p. 172.

determined (adj.) decided; firm; settled; p. 35. *Related words:* determinant, determination, determine; p. 43.

development (n.) growth; an event or happening; p. 14. *Related word:* develop; p. 21.

discipline (n.) training that develops self-control or orderliness; the result of such training; (v.) to punish or penalize; train or develop by instruction; p. 172.

disclose (v.) to bring into view; uncover; make known; p. 70. *Related word:* disclosure; p. 77.

discount (v.) to disregard completely or believe only part of a story; reduce the regular price; (n.) a reduction from the regular price; p. 124.

dismal (adj.) gloomy; depressing; p. 160.

dispose (v.) to deal with; get rid of; eliminate; p. 135. *Related word:* disposition; p. 144.

distribute (v.) to spread out; divide among many; hand out; p. 58. *Related word:* distribution; p. 66.

domestic (adj.) of the home or family; of or relating to one's own country; (n.) a servant in the home; p. 124.

douse (v.) to pour liquid over; drench; soak; p. 70.

duly (adv.) properly; in due manner or time; p. 160.

E

effectiveness (n.) usefulness; forcefulness; p. 24. *Related words:* effective, ineffective; p. 32.

efficient (adj.) producing much with little waste; productive; p. 58. *Related word:* efficiency; p. 66.

endear (v.) to make beloved; p. 24.

Related word: endearing; p. 32.

endeavor (n.) serious effort; undertaking; (v.) to attempt; undertake; p. 172.

enforce (v.) to carry out effectively; strengthen; p. 172. *Related word:* enforcement; p. 180.

engagement (n.) an encounter between opposing forces; an appointment; a pledge to marry; p. 135. *Related word:* engage; p. 144.

engineer (n.) one trained to apply scientific principles to practical needs; (v.) to construct or manage; guide the course of; p. 160. *Related words:* engine, engineering; p. 168.

establish (v.) to start; organize; p. 14.

Related word: reestablish; p. 21.

eventually (adv.) finally; at an unspecified later time; p. 58. *Related words:* event, eventual; p. 66.

execute (v.) to put to death by capital punishment; carry out a plan or order; p. 112. *Related word:* execution; p. 121.

expedition (n.) journey undertaken for a specific purpose, such as exploration or battle; p. 112. *Related word:* expeditions; p. 121.

F

fanciful (adj.) imaginary; unreal; p. 82.

Related word: fancy; p. 90.

fantasy (n.) an imaginative story; a dream; p. 82.

fate (n.) final outcome; destiny; p. 112.

Related words: fatal, fateful; p. 121.

ferocious (adj.) fierce; savage; violent; p. 112.

florist (n.) one who sells flowers; one who grows flowers for sale; p. 14.

Related word: floral; p. 21.

focus (v.) to concentrate; give one's full attention to; (n.) center of activity or attraction; p. 160. *Related word:* focal; p. 168.

formation (n.) a thing formed; the way in which something is arranged; structure; p. 14.

frenzied (adj.) wildly excited; frantic; p. 82. *Related word:* frenzy; p. 90.

frequently (adv.) often; usually; p. 14. *Related words:* frequency; infrequent; p. 21.

fuse (v.) to join or blend together, possibly by heating or melting; (n.) electrical safety device that prevents overloading a circuit; strip of combustible material, such as string or cloth, used to set off an explosive charge; p. 58.

G

geologist (n.) a scientist trained in the study of rocks and other earth formations; p. 160. *Related word:* geology; p. 168.

gigantic (adj.) huge; enormous; p. 112. **govern** (v.) to rule; regulate or control; p. 82. *Related words:* governess, government; p. 90.

graduate (n.) one who receives a diploma or degree after completing a required course of study; (v.) to receive an academic degree; p. 160. *Related words:* gradual, graduation; p. 168.

grasp (v.) to take or seize; clutch; (n.) hold; control; understanding; p. 35.

guarantee (n.) a promise regarding the satisfactory performance of a product or satisfactory outcome of an event; a pledge; (v.) to promise; to pledge; p. 14.

H

handicap (n.) a disability or limitation; drawback; (v.) to put at a disadvantage; p. 14. *Related word:* handicapped; p. 21.

haven (n.) a place of shelter or safety; p. 183.

hazardous (adj.) dangerous; risky; p. 70. *Related word:* hazard; p. 77.

hesitation (n.) a halting or pausing for a moment; an unsureness; p. 124. *Related word:* hesitate; p. 131.

hinder (v.) to hold back; slow the progress of; p. 70. *Related word:* hindrance; p. 77.

horizontally (adv.) across, in a position parallel to the horizon; p. 58. *Related word:* horizontal; p. 66.

humiliate (v.) to hurt the pride or dignity of by causing to appear foolish; degrade; p. 124. *Related words:* humiliation, humility; p. 131.

I

idle (adj.) useless; inactive; (v.) to be or make inactive; p. 82.

ignite (v.) to excite; set afire; p. 172. *Related word:* ignition; p. 180.

impure (adj.) improper; unclean; dirty; p. 70. *Related word:* impurity; p. 77.

incident (n.) an event; a definite occurrence; p. 124. *Related words:* incidence, incidental; p. 131.

incredible (adj.) unbelievable; p. 112. *Related word:* credible; p. 121.

induce (v.) to move by persuasion or influence; cause; lead on; p. 124. *Related words:* inducement, induct, induction; p. 131.

informative (adj.) instructive; educational; p. 14.

inherit (v.) to come into possession of, often through a legal will; p. 112. *Related word:* inheritance; p. 121.

inseparable (adj.) unable to be parted; joined very closely; p. 14.

institution (n.) an established law, practice, or custom; an organization; the building housing such an organization; p. 135. *Related word:* institute; p. 144.

insure (v.) to make certain by taking necessary precautions; to guarantee; p. 183. *Related words:* assure, ensure, insurance; p. 190.

intense (adj.) to an extreme degree; considerable; deeply felt; p. 35. *Related words:* intensify, intensive; p. 43.

intention (n.) determination to do a specified thing; purpose; p. 112. *Related words:* intend, intent; p. 121.

international (adj.) of, relating to, or by various countries or the people of various countries; p. 160. *Related word:* national; p. 168.

intrigue (n.) secret plot; conspiracy; (v.) to arouse interest; plot or scheme; p. 70. *Related word:* intriguing; p. 77.

invade (v.) to enter by force in order to conquer; p. 112. *Related word:* invasion; p. 121.

inviting (adj.) appealing; tempting; p. 70. *Related word:* invitation; p. 77.

involve (v.) to include; participate in; p. 35. *Related word:* involvement; p. 43.

isolate (v.) to set apart from others; p. 183. *Related word:* isolation; p. 190.

J

journalist (n.) a person who reports or edits news for a television newscast, newspaper, or other type of media; p. 70. *Related word:* journalism; p. 77.

L

laboratory (n.) a place for scientific research and experimentation; p. 82. *Related word:* laborious; p. 90.

legitimate (adj.) reasonable; justifiable; genuine; p. 172.

linger (v.) to be slow in leaving; delay; p. 70.

loathe (v.) to dislike greatly; hate; p. 183.

lodge (v.) to occupy a place temporarily; come to rest and remain firmly fixed; (n.) a house set apart for some special use, such as a hunting lodge; p. 183.

logic (n.) clear, sensible reasoning; p. 82. *Related word:* logistics; p. 90.

lurk (v.) to lie hidden; move secretively; p. 82.

M

magnificent (adj.) splendid; extremely impressive; p. 14. *Related words:* magnification; magnificence; magnify; p. 21.

maintain (v.) to keep up; hold on to; p. 58. *Related word:* maintenance; p. 66.

maneuver (n.) a skillful movement or shrewd action; (v.) to scheme or plot; move in a controlled manner; manage skillfully; p. 70.

massive (adj.) big; larger than normal; imposing or impressive; p. 35.

meager (adj.) thin; emaciated; of poor quality or amount; p. 124.

merge (v.) to combine or blend into one; p. 58.

metropolitan (adj.) relating to a central city and its surrounding communities; p. 70.

miraculous (adj.) wondrous; awe-inspiring; p. 124. *Related word:* miracle; p. 131.

mission (n.) the special duty that a person or group is sent to do; a group of persons sent by a church or government to perform a special duty; p. 24.

mobile (adj.) capable of movement or of being moved; (n.) an abstract hanging sculpture with moving parts; p. 183. *Related word:* mobility; p. 190.

morale (n.) confidence; spirit; p. 124. *Related word:* moral; p. 131.

mortal (adj.) very intense; subject to death; human; (n.) a human being; p. 135. *Related word:* immortal; p. 144.

mute (adj.) silent; unable to speak; (v.) to reduce the sound of; silence; p. 24.

mutiny (n.) revolt against authority (especially by soldiers or sailors against their officers); (v.) to rebel; disobey; p. 24.

mythical (adj.) imaginary; existing only in myths or unreal stories; p. 82.

Related words: myth, mythology; p. 90.

N

noble (n.) one possessing a title in a country ruled by royalty; a person of high birth or rank; (adj.) heroic; dignified; being a member of nobility; p. 112. *Related word:* nobility; p. 121.

O

objective (n.) something someone is trying to achieve or capture; a goal; (adj.) open-minded; not influenced by personal feelings; p. 112. *Related word:* objection; p. 121.

obligation (n.) duty; commitment; p. 172. *Related word:* obligate; p. 180.

observe (v.) to look at closely; examine; watch; p. 14. *Related words:* observation; unobserved; p. 21.

obvious (adj.) readily apparent; easily seen; p. 124.

option (n.) a choice; the act of choosing; p. 124. *Related word:* optional; p. 131.

ordain (v.) to establish or order by appointment or law; issue an order; p. 160. *Related word:* ordination; p. 168.

orthopedic (adj.) of or relating to the study and treatment of bones and joints; p. 35. *Related word:* orthopedist; p. 43.

oust (v.) to force out; expel; p. 135.

P

parallel (adj.) extending in the same direction, everywhere equally distant; on the same line as; (n.) something equal or similar in all important details; (v.) to make one thing parallel to another; p. 135.

peculiarly (adv.) distinctively; strangely; p. 82. *Related words:* peculiar, peculiarity; p. 90.

percussion (n.) the hitting of one object against another; a musical instrument that produces sound by being tapped or struck, such as a drum; p. 135. *Related word:* percussive; p. 144.

permeate (v.) to spread throughout;

p. 124. *Related word:* permeation; p. 131.

persevere (v.) to continue in some effort or course of action in spite of difficulty; persist; p. 172.

petrify (v.) to stun or paralyze with fear; turn into, or as if into, stone; become rigid; p. 124.

placid (adj.) calm; free of interruption or disturbance; p. 124.

poise (v.) to balance; suspend; (n.) self-assurance; balance; p. 82.

policy (n.) a principle that guides action; definite course or plan of action; p. 172.

politics (n.) the art or science of government; governmental actions or practices; p. 172. *Related word:* political; p. 180.

practical (adj.) useful; realistic; p. 135. *Related word:* practicality; p. 144.

prediction (n.) a statement of what one thinks will happen; p. 14.

prevail (v.) to win out; be greater in strength or influence; p. 112. *Related word:* prevalent; p. 121.

previous (adj.) going before in time or order; p. 160.

proclaim (v.) to show; announce; state publicly; p. 183. *Related words:* claim, clamor, exclaim, exclamation, proclamation, p. 190.

propel (v.) to force into forward motion; push ahead; p. 58. *Related word:* propeller; p. 66.

purposefully (adv.) in a determined way; decisively; p. 160. *Related word:* purposeful; p. 168.

pursuit (n.) the act of chasing or seeking; the act of following; an occupation or hobby; p. 70. *Related word:* pursue; p. 77.

Q

quality (n.) excellence; a character trait; noticeable feature; p. 112.

quantity (n.) an amount; a portion; a great amount or number; p. 35.

quest (n.) a search; (v.) to go in search or pursuit of; p. 24.

R

radiology (n.) the science dealing with the use of X-rays in the diagnosis and treatment of disease; p. 35. *Related word:* radiologist; p. 43.

recall (v.) to bring back to mind; remember; call back; (n.) the ability to remember information; memory; p. 35.

reform (n.) removal or correction of faults or errors; (v.) to improve; become better; p. 172. *Related words:* conform, deform, inform; p. 180.

regain (v.) to recover; get back again; p. 82.

reliable (adj.) dependable; p. 70. *Related words:* reliability, reliance, rely; p. 77.

render (v.) to deliver; to present; p. 14.

repercussion (n.) after-effect of an action or event; result; consequence; p. 135.

repulsive (adj.) disgusting; upsetting; p. 24.

resent (v.) to feel or show bitter hurt or anger at or toward someone; p. 183.

Related word: resentment; p. 190.

resign (v.) to give up deliberately; p. 135; *Related word:* resignation; p. 144.

resistant (adj.) opposing; unaccepting; p. 58. *Related word:* resistance; p. 66.

respect (n.) high or special regard; (v.) to admire; regard highly; p. 172. *Related words:* respectable, respectful; p. 180.

reveal (v.) to show; p. 82.

rotate (v.) to move around a central point; take turns when performing an action; p. 58. *Related word:* rotation; p. 66.

S

safeguard (n.) protection; a precaution; (v.) to protect against; keep secure; p. 14.

scanty (adj.) barely enough or not enough; insufficient; p. 112.

seasonal (adj.) dependent upon the sea-

sons or time of year; p. 14. *Related word:* unseasonable; p. 21.

sensitivity (n.) responsiveness to outside conditions and stimulations; responsiveness to others' feelings; p. 35.

Related word: sensitive; p. 43.

sheer (adj.) absolute; pure; easily seen through, as applied to cloth; p. 35.

situation (n.) condition; circumstance; location; p. 82. *Related word:* situate; p. 90.

skirmish (n.) a minor dispute between opposing forces; a minor fight; p. 183.

smolder (v.) to burn slowly, without flame and with much smoke; p. 124.

snipe (v.) to attack slyly; shoot from hiding; p. 135. *Related word:* sniper; p. 144.

social (adj.) of or relating to human communities; (n.) an informal gathering; a party; p. 172. *Related words:* socialize, society; p. 180.

solemn (adj.) serious, deeply earnest; p. 70. *Related word:* solemnity; p. 77.

specialist (n.) an expert in a specific field; p. 35. *Related word:* specialty; p. 43.

stamina (n.) endurance; the physical or mental ability to continue an undertaking in spite of difficulties; p. 35.

streamline (v.) to shape for smooth movement; update and modernize; p. 58.

substantial (adj.) real; solid; large; important; p. 112.

suitable (adj.) appropriate; acceptable; p. 58. *Related word:* suit; p. 66.

suite (n.) a matched set of furniture; a series of connecting rooms; p. 135.

suspend (v.) to stop or remove temporarily; hang freely, except at the point of support; p. 82. *Related word:* suspension; p. 90.

suspense (n.) mental uncertainty; state of excitement regarding the outcome of an event; p. 24. *Related words:* suspend, suspenseful; p. 32.

sympathy (n.) feeling of sorrow for another person's situation; p. 135. *Related words:* sympathetic, sympathize; p. 144.

systematically (adv.) in an organized, orderly manner; p. 160. *Related word:* system; p. 168.

T

technician (n.) one having special scientific or mechanical skills; p. 24. *Related word:* technical; p. 32.

terrain (n.) physical features of the earth, such as mountains, cliffs, and valleys; p. 160.

testimony (n.) any form of evidence; a statement made by a witness under oath in a court of law; p. 24.

token (adj.) slight; symbolic; done as an indication or a pledge; (n.) an outward sign or expression; a sign or a symbol; a small metal object used in place of a coin; p. 135.

toxic (adj.) poisonous; p. 183.

trait (n.) identifying feature; characteristic; p. 82.

tranquilize (v.) to calm through the use of medication; cause to relax; p. 35. *Related words:* tranquil, tranquillity; p. 43.

transformation (n.) change in shape, size, appearance, or character; p. 24. *Related words:* transfer, transform, translate, transparent, transplant; p. 32.

transition (n.) connection; change from one state or place to another or the period of this change; p. 82. *Related words:* transit, transmission; p. 90.

transmit (v.) to send; transfer; p. 183. *Related word:* transmission; p. 190.

U

unaccountable (adj.) not responsible for; unexplainable; p. 70. *Related word:* accountable; p. 77.

unaware (adj.) unknowing; not conscious of; p. 70. *Related words:* aware, awareness; p. 77.

uncommonly (adv.) unusually; remarkably; exceptionally; p. 160. *Related word:* common; p. 168.

unheralded (adj.) not expected or announced; not well-known; p. 160.

Related word: herald; p. 168.

unmindful (adj.) unaware; careless; p. 160. *Related word:* mindful; p. 168.

untimely (adj.) occurring at the wrong time; (adv.) before the natural or proper time; p. 24.

uphold (v.) to give support to, especially emotional support; p. 172.

V

vaguely (adv.) unclearly; indistinctly; p. 82. *Related word:* vague; p. 90.

venture (n.) a risky undertaking, particularly in a business or financial sense; (v.) to risk; dare; p. 24.

version (n.) a description or retelling related from one person's point of view; an interpretation; p. 70.

versus (prep.) against; p. 172.

vertical (adj.) straight up and down; p. 58.

veteran (n.) one with long experience in a particular field; (adj.) experienced; p. 183.

veterinarian (n.) medical doctor specializing in the treatment of animals; p. 35.

vigorous (adj.) energetic; strong; lively; p. 112. *Related word:* vigor; p. 121.

violate (v.) to break or disregard; treat with disrespect; p. 183. *Related word:* violation; p. 190.

vital (adj.) essential; necessary; full of life; p. 24. *Related word:* vitality; p. 32.

vivid (adj.) lively; bright; lifelike; p. 70. *Related word:* vividness; p. 77.

W

wage (n.) money paid for work done; (v.) to take part in or carry on; p. 135.

Related word: wager; p. 144.

Z

zeal (n.) enthusiasm; p. 24. *Related words:* zealot, zealous; p. 32.