

MERRIAM WEBSTER'S 100 WORDS EVERY HIGH
SCHOOL GRADUATE SHOULD KNOW
(RECORD THE DEFINITION AND YOUR OWN
SENTENCE)

1. **Abjure (v.)**

- Definition: to renounce, repudiate, or retract
- Sentence: He *abjured* his allegiance to the fallen king.

2. **Abrogate (v.)**

- Definition: to abolish by formal or official means; annul by an authoritative act
 - Sentence: With the Civil Rights Act, the government *abrogated* segregation laws.
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3. Abstemious


-Definition: (adj) sparing or moderate in eating and drinking; temperate in diet.

-Sentence: After her New Year's resolution, she kept to an *abstemious* diet.

4. Acumen

-Definition: (n) keen insight; shrewdness

-Sentence: The executive had remarkable *acumen* in his business matters.

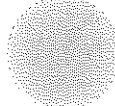


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7. belie

- Definition: contradict or show to be false;
to misrepresent
- Sentence: The newspaper *belied* the
facts.

8. bellicose

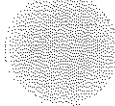
- Definition: inclined or eager to fight;
aggressively hostile; belligerent;
pugnacious
 - Sentence: The *bellicose* warrior
conquered many lands.
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9. **bowdlerize**

- Definition: (v) to expurgate (a written work) by removing or modifying passages considered vulgar or objectionable.
- Sentence: Many English teachers struggle with deciding whether to *bowdlerize* their texts or not.

10. **chicanery**


- Definition: (n) trickery or deception by quibbling or evading
 - Sentence: He resorted to the worst kinds of flattery and *chicanery* to win the job.
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11. chromosome

- Definition: (n.) any of several threadlike bodies that carry the genes in a linear order.
- Sentence: Our *chromosomes* can affect many things.

12. churlish

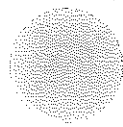
- Definition: (adj.) like a churl, boorish, rude behavior
 - Sentence: The freshman's *churlish* language offended the teacher.
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13. circumlocution

- Definition: (n.) the use of many words to say something that could be said more clearly and directly by using fewer words
- Sentence: The lawyer was criticized for his use of *circumlocution* instead of directly addressing the issue.

14. circumnavigate


- Definition: (v.) to travel all the way around (something) in a ship, airplane, etc.
 - Sentence: The explorer attempted to *circumnavigate* the globe.
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15. deciduous

- Definition: (adj) shedding the leaves annually, as certain trees and shrubs
- Sentence: I had to rake the leaves because we had so many *deciduous* trees in the yard.

16. deleterious


- Definition: (adj) injurious to health; harmful
 - Sentence: The *deleterious* gas leak caused an evacuation.
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17. diffident

- Definition: (adj.) lacking confidence in ones own ability, worth, or fitness; timid; shy.
- Sentence: Despite her abilities on the stage, the actress was remarkably *diffident* about speaking her opinion in real life.

18. enervate

- Definition: (adj.) lacking physical, mental or moral vigor.
 - Sentence: The surgery *enervated* me for two weeks afterwards.
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19. enfranchise

- Definition: (v.) to grant a franchise to; admit to citizenship especially to the right of voting.
- to endow (a city, constituency, etc.) with municipal or parliamentary rights.
- Sentence: The immigrants were thrilled to be *enfranchised* in the United States.

20. epiphany

- Definition: (n.) a Christian festival, observed on January 6, commemorating the manifestation of Christ to the gentiles in the persons of the Magi; Twelfth-day.
 - a sudden, intuitive perception of or insight into the reality or essential meaning of something, usually initiated by some simple, homely, or commonplace occurrence or experience.
 - Sentence: The breakup caused him to have an *epiphany* about what she really means to him.
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