**100 Words Every High School Graduate Should Know**

Monday, May 28th, 2007

The editors of the American Heritage® dictionaries have compiled a list of [100 Words Every High School Graduate Should Know](http://www.houghtonmifflinbooks.com/booksellers/press_release/100words/) — as “a benchmark against which graduates and their parents can measure themselves”:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| [abjure](http://m-w.com/dictionary/abjure) [abrogate](http://m-w.com/dictionary/abrogate) [abstemious](http://m-w.com/dictionary/abstemious) [acumen](http://m-w.com/dictionary/acumen) [antebellum](http://m-w.com/dictionary/antebellum) [auspicious](http://m-w.com/dictionary/auspicious) [belie](http://m-w.com/dictionary/belie) [bellicose](http://m-w.com/dictionary/bellicose) [bowdlerize](http://m-w.com/dictionary/bowdlerize) [chicanery](http://m-w.com/dictionary/chicanery) [chromosome](http://m-w.com/dictionary/chromosome) [churlish](http://m-w.com/dictionary/churlish) [circumlocution](http://m-w.com/dictionary/circumlocution) [circumnavigate](http://m-w.com/dictionary/circumnavigate) [deciduous](http://m-w.com/dictionary/deciduous) [deleterious](http://m-w.com/dictionary/deleterious) [diffident](http://m-w.com/dictionary/diffident) [enervate](http://m-w.com/dictionary/enervate) [enfranchise](http://m-w.com/dictionary/enfranchise) [epiphany](http://m-w.com/dictionary/epiphany) [equinox](http://m-w.com/dictionary/equinox) [euro](http://m-w.com/dictionary/euro) [evanescent](http://m-w.com/dictionary/evanescent) [expurgate](http://m-w.com/dictionary/expurgate) [facetious](http://m-w.com/dictionary/facetious) [fatuous](http://m-w.com/dictionary/fatuous) [feckless](http://m-w.com/dictionary/feckless) [fiduciary](http://m-w.com/dictionary/fiduciary) [filibuster](http://m-w.com/dictionary/filibuster) [gamete](http://m-w.com/dictionary/gamete) [gauche](http://m-w.com/dictionary/gauche) [gerrymander](http://m-w.com/dictionary/gerrymander) [hegemony](http://m-w.com/dictionary/hegemony) [hemoglobin](http://m-w.com/dictionary/hemoglobin) [homogeneous](http://m-w.com/dictionary/homogeneous) [hubris](http://m-w.com/dictionary/hubris) [hypotenuse](http://m-w.com/dictionary/hypotenuse) [impeach](http://m-w.com/dictionary/impeach) [incognito](http://m-w.com/dictionary/incognito) [incontrovertible](http://m-w.com/dictionary/incontrovertible) [inculcate](http://m-w.com/dictionary/inculcate) [infrastructure](http://m-w.com/dictionary/infrastructure) [interpolate](http://m-w.com/dictionary/interpolate) [irony](http://m-w.com/dictionary/irony) [jejune](http://m-w.com/dictionary/jejune) [kinetic](http://m-w.com/dictionary/kinetic) [kowtow](http://m-w.com/dictionary/kowtow) [laissez faire](http://m-w.com/dictionary/laissez%20faire) [lexicon](http://m-w.com/dictionary/lexicon) [loquacious](http://m-w.com/dictionary/loquacious) | [lugubrious](http://m-w.com/dictionary/lugubrious) [metamorphosis](http://m-w.com/dictionary/metamorphosis) [mitosis](http://m-w.com/dictionary/mitosis) [moiety](http://m-w.com/dictionary/moiety) [nanotechnology](http://m-w.com/dictionary/nanotechnology) [nihilism](http://m-w.com/dictionary/nihilism) [nomenclature](http://m-w.com/dictionary/nomenclature) [nonsectarian](http://m-w.com/dictionary/nonsectarian) [notarize](http://m-w.com/dictionary/notarize) [obsequious](http://m-w.com/dictionary/obsequious) [oligarchy](http://m-w.com/dictionary/oligarchy) [omnipotent](http://m-w.com/dictionary/omnipotent) [orthography](http://m-w.com/dictionary/orthography) [oxidize](http://m-w.com/dictionary/oxidize) [parabola](http://m-w.com/dictionary/parabola) [paradigm](http://m-w.com/dictionary/paradigm) [parameter](http://m-w.com/dictionary/parameter) [pecuniary](http://m-w.com/dictionary/pecuniary) [photosynthesis](http://m-w.com/dictionary/photosynthesis) [plagiarize](http://m-w.com/dictionary/plagiarize) [plasma](http://m-w.com/dictionary/plasma) [polymer](http://m-w.com/dictionary/polymer) [precipitous](http://m-w.com/dictionary/precipitous) [quasar](http://m-w.com/dictionary/quasar) [quotidian](http://m-w.com/dictionary/quotidian) [recapitulate](http://m-w.com/dictionary/recapitulate) [reciprocal](http://m-w.com/dictionary/reciprocal) [reparation](http://m-w.com/dictionary/reparation) [respiration](http://m-w.com/dictionary/respiration) [sanguine](http://m-w.com/dictionary/sanguine) [soliloquy](http://m-w.com/dictionary/soliloquy) [subjugate](http://m-w.com/dictionary/subjugate) [suffragist](http://m-w.com/dictionary/suffragist) [supercilious](http://m-w.com/dictionary/supercilious) [tautology](http://m-w.com/dictionary/tautology) [taxonomy](http://m-w.com/dictionary/taxonomy) [tectonic](http://m-w.com/dictionary/tectonic) [tempestuous](http://m-w.com/dictionary/tempestuous) [thermodynamics](http://m-w.com/dictionary/thermodynamics) [totalitarian](http://m-w.com/dictionary/totalitarian) [unctuous](http://m-w.com/dictionary/unctuous) [usurp](http://m-w.com/dictionary/usurp) [vacuous](http://m-w.com/dictionary/vacuous) [vehement](http://m-w.com/dictionary/vehement) [vortex](http://m-w.com/dictionary/vortex) [winnow](http://m-w.com/dictionary/winnow) [wrought](http://m-w.com/dictionary/wrought) [xenophobe](http://m-w.com/dictionary/xenophobe) [yeoman](http://m-w.com/dictionary/yeoman) [ziggurat](http://m-w.com/dictionary/ziggurat) |