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

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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”:

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