

MERRIAM WEBSTER'S 100 WORDS EVERY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE SHOULD KNOW

51. lugubrious

- Definition: (adj.) mournful, dismal, or gloomy, especially in an exaggerated or unrelieved manner
- Sentence: After the break up, he drove home listening to *lugubrious* songs that reminded him of their lost love.

52. metamorphosis

- Definition: (n.) a complete change in form, structure, substance, appearance, character, circumstances, etc.
 - Sentence: She went through a remarkable *metamorphosis* her first year of college, and when she returned for a visit hardly anyone recognized her.
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53. mitosis

-Definition: (n.) **the usual method of cell division**, (characterized typically by the resolving of the chromatin of the nucleus into a threadlike form, which condenses into chromosomes, each of which separates longitudinally into two parts, one part of each chromosome being retained in each of two new cells resulting from the original cell.)

-Sentence: Nerve cells rarely go through *mitosis* so the nerve damage in my knee is unable to repair itself.

54. moiety

-Definition: (n.) **EITHER** a half **OR** an indefinite portion, part, or share


-Sentence: When my grandfather died, he left each grandchild a *moiety* of his estate. ●

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55. nanotechnology

- Definition: (n.) a technology executed on the scale of less than 100 nanometers, the goal of which is to control individual atoms and molecules (esp. when using computer chips and other microscopic devices)
- Sentence: The *nanotechnology* firm kept tight security for their devices.

56. nihilism

- Definition: (n.) total rejection of established laws and institutions; anarchy
 - Sentence: The terrorist cell was motivated by ideas of *nihilism* and chaos.
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57. nomenclature

- Definition: (n.) a set or system of names or terms, as those used in a particular science or art
- Sentence: The professor's *nomenclature* on the first day led me to believe I would struggle in my Organic Chemistry class.

58. nonsectarian

- Definition: (adj.) not affiliated with or limited to a specific religious denomination
- Sentence: She attends a *nonsectarian* church, which blends many different traditions.

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59. notarize

- Definition: (v.) to certify (a document, contract, etc.) or cause to become certified through a public notary
- Sentence: I had to get to the bank to get my loan documents *notarized*.

60. obsequious

- Definition: (adj.) characterized by or showing servile compliance or deference; fawning; obedient; dutiful
- Sentence: The butler responded to the request with an *obsequious* bow.