



Practice Sheet

Red reading level for Years 7-8

Please note, while the following words are all included in the Red level word lists for the school level competition, it is not guaranteed that each student will be randomly served any of these words from the extensive word list used within the competition phase.

The words are indicative of the standard of words used for this reading level.

Teachers can cut off the word on the left and photocopy the sheet for students to fill in.



WORD Red level (Yrs 7-8)	Spell the word	DEFINITION
1. haven	1.	a place where people or animals feel safe, secure, and happy.
2. gantry	2.	a high metal structure that supports a set of road signs, railway signals, or other equipment.
3. quell	3.	to stop something.
4. column	4.	a tall, often decorated cylinder of stone which is built to honour someone or forms part of a building.
5. magnify	5.	to enlarge something using a special lens or mirror.
6. sinew	6.	a cord in your body that connects a muscle to a bone.
7. effigy	7.	a statue or carving of a famous person.
8. malice	8.	a desire to harm people or their reputations, or cause them embarrassment and upset.
9. remonstrate	9.	to protest about something that someone has said or done.
10. conservation	10.	the work of saving and protecting the environment.
11. tambourine	11.	a musical instrument which you shake or hit with your hand.
12. testimonial	12.	a written statement about a person's character and abilities, often written by their employer.
13. chrome	13.	a metal plated with a hard, shiny metallic element.
14. knack	14.	a particularly clever or skilful way of doing something successfully.
15. sensation	15.	a physical feeling.
16. enjoin	16.	to order or strongly advise someone to do something.
17. pasture	17.	land with grass growing on it for farm animals to eat.
18. bolero	18.	a very short jacket, sometimes without sleeves.
19. heredity	19.	the features and characteristics passed on from parents to their children.
20. partition	20.	a wall or screen that separates one part of a room or vehicle from another.
21. tedious	21.	boring and rather frustrating.
22. lasso	22.	a long rope with a loop at one end, used especially by cowboys for catching cattle.





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23. rostrum	23.	a raised platform on which someone stands when they are speaking to an audience, receiving a prize, or conducting an orchestra.
24. antique	24.	an old object that is valuable because of its rarity.
25. jurist	25.	a person who is an expert on law.
26. ambitious	26.	determined to be successful, rich or powerful.
27. crucible	27.	a pot in which metals or other substances can be melted or heated up to very high temperatures.
28. inaccurate	28.	not correct.
29. paranoid	29.	extremely suspicious and afraid of other people.
30. stringent	30.	very severe or strictly controlled.
31. coarsen	31.	to become thicker or rougher in texture.
32. larynx	32.	the part of the throat that contains your vocal cords.
33. topiary	33.	the art of cutting trees and bushes into different shapes, such as birds or animals.
34. inexperienced	34.	having little knowledge of a particular situation or activity because you have not done it long enough.
35. miscellaneous	35.	consisting of many different kinds of things.
36. expletive	36.	a rude word or expression you say when you are annoyed, excited, or in pain.
37. strengthen	37.	to make your position more powerful and secure.
38. colleague	38.	someone you work with.
39. exasperate	39.	to make someone annoyed or frustrated.
40. matrimony	40.	marriage.
41. reservation	41.	the act of booking a place in advance.
42. allusion	42.	an indirect reference to someone or something.
43. honorary	43.	given in recognition of an achievement, despite not having the necessary qualification.
44. protracted	44.	lasting a long time.
45. courteous	45.	polite and respectful to other people.
46. differentiate	46.	to recognise or show the variations in things.
47. indistinct	47.	unclear and difficult to see, hear or recognise.
48. suspicion	48.	a feeling that something is probably true or is likely to happen.
49. disparaging	49.	showing you do not have a good opinion of someone or something.
50. equitable	50.	giving equal treatment to everyone.

