



Practice Sheet 2

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. vengeful	1.	feeling a great desire for revenge.
2. calibrate	2.	to mark or adjust a tool so you can use it to measure something accurately.
3. expressive	3.	showing great emotion or energy to clearly express your feelings or intentions.
4. instigate	4.	to start something happening.
5. privatise	5.	to sell a company, industry, or service so that it is no longer owned by the government.
6. virtual	6.	almost.
7. benefactor	7.	a person who helps a person or organisation by giving money.
8. diplomacy	8.	the activity or profession of managing relations between the governments of different countries.
9. fluctuate	9.	to change a lot in an irregular way.
10. nocturnal	10.	active mainly at night.
11. repellent	11.	horrible and disgusting.
12. syndrome	12.	a medical condition that is characterised by a particular group of signs and symptoms.
13. volunteer	13.	someone who works without being paid because they want to do it.
14. architect	14.	a person who designs buildings.
15. cholesterol	15.	a substance that exists in the fat, tissues, and blood of all animals.
16. genteel	16.	respectable and well-mannered, and seeming to come from a high social class.
17. institution	17.	a large important organisation such as a university, church, or bank.
18. physical	18.	relating to the body rather than the mind.
19. translucent	19.	allowing light to pass through.
20. argumentative	20.	always ready to disagree or start quarrelling with other people.
21. deposition	21.	a formal written statement which can be used in a court of law if the witness cannot be present.
22. indomitable	22.	never admitting that you have been defeated.
23. psychic	23.	having strange mental powers, such as being able to read the minds of other people or see into the future.



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24. empirical	24.	based on practical experience rather than theories.
25. commiserate	25.	to show someone pity or sympathy when something bad has happened to them.
26. suffragette	26.	a woman involved in the campaign for women to have the right to vote.
27. reservoir	27.	a lake that is used for storing water before it is supplied to people.
28. torrential	28.	involving very heavy rain.
29. pidgin	29.	a simple form of a language which is used together with words from a local language.
30. expenditure	30.	the money that is spent on something.
31. verbatim	31.	repeating exactly the same words as were used originally.
32. quandary	32.	the state of not being able to decide what to do in a difficult situation.
33. memorable	33.	worth remembering or likely to be remembered because it is special or enjoyable.
34. innovation	34.	the introduction of new ideas, methods, or things.
35. gastropod	35.	a creature with one central foot on which it slides.
36. disinherit	36.	to arrange to leave no money or property to your children after your death.
37. aggregate	37.	made up of several smaller amounts or scores added together.
38. cadence	38.	the beat and measure of something rhythmic, such as a voice.
39. successive	39.	happening or existing one after another without a break.
40. fruition	40.	a state of being successful and producing the results that were intended or hoped for.
41. infirmary	41.	a hospital.
42. embossed	42.	having a design or writing that stands up slightly from the surface.
43. passionate	43.	having strong feelings or beliefs about something.
44. unproductive	44.	not producing anything.
45. centurion	45.	an officer in the Roman army.
46. envisage	46.	to imagine something is true, real, or likely to happen.
47. hydrogen	47.	a colourless gas that is the lightest and commonest element in the universe.
48. intrepid	48.	fearless or brave.
49. numerator	49.	the number above the line in a fraction.
50. reputable	50.	reliable and able to be trusted.