

Practice Sheet

Orange reading level for Years 5-6

Please note, while the following words are all included in the Orange 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 Orange level (Yrs 5-6)	Spell the word	DEFINITION
1. abuse	1.	cruel and violent treatment.
2. basil	2.	a strong-smelling and strong-tasting herb that is used in cooking, especially with tomatoes.
3. cloud	3.	a mass of water vapour that floats in the sky.
4. excitement	4.	the state of being very happy, eager, or enthusiastic.
5. hitch	5.	a slight problem or difficulty which causes a short delay.
6. modest	6.	not very large or expensive.
7. proof	7.	a fact, argument, or piece of evidence which shows that something is definitely true or definitely exists.
8. sprain	8.	an injury to a wrist or ankle, caused by twisting it or bending it violently.
9. velvet	9.	made of a soft material which has a thick layer of short cut threads on one side.
10. nature	10.	all the animals, plants, and other things in the world that are not made by people, and all the events and processes that are not caused by people.
11. animated	11.	lively.
12. avocado	12.	a pear-shaped vegetable, with a hard skin and a large stone, which is usually eaten raw.
13. asset	13.	something or someone that is considered useful or helps a person or organisation to be successful.
14. buffer	14.	something that prevents something else from being harmed or that prevents two things from harming each other.
15. comic	15.	describes someone or something that makes you laugh, and is often intended to make you laugh.
16. edge	16.	the place or line where something stops, or the part of it that is furthest from the middle.
17. gibbon	17.	an ape with very long arms and no tail that lives in southern Asia.
18. influx	18.	the arrival of people or things into a place in large numbers.
19. migrate	19.	to move from one place to another, especially in order to find work or to live somewhere for a short time.







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20. phase	20.	a particular stage in a process or in the gradual development of something.
21. reap	21.	to obtain something, usually something good or that you enjoy, as a result of something you have done.
22. stumble	22.	to put your foot down awkwardly while you are walking or running and nearly fall over.
23. tricycle	23.	a bike with three wheels, two at the back and one at the front.
24. waffle	24.	to talk or write a lot without actually making any clear or important points.
25. pledge	25.	a serious promise.
26. bargain	26.	something that is good value for money because it has been sold at a lower price than normal.
27. contrast	27.	a great difference between two or more things which is clear when you compare them.
28. flannel	28.	made from a soft cloth, usually of cotton or wool.
29. mainly	29.	used when mentioning the principal reason or thing involved in something.
30. rotate	30.	to turn in a circular movement.
31. touchy	31.	used to describe someone who is easily upset, offended, or irritated.
32. bemused	32.	being puzzled or confused.
33. gingerly	33.	in a careful manner, as if you expect what you are doing to be dangerous, unpleasant, or painful.
34. religion	34.	the belief in a god or gods and the activities that are connected with this belief, such as praying or worshipping.
35. baritone	35.	a man with a fairly deep singing voice that is lower than that of a tenor but higher than that of a bass.
36. guardian	36.	someone who has been legally appointed to look after the affairs of another person, such as a child.
37. fulfil	37.	to achieve or do what you said or hoped you would do.
38. resilient	38.	able to feel better quickly after something unpleasant such as a shock or injury.
39. concept	39.	an idea or abstract principle.
40. economy	40.	the system according to which the money, industry, and trade of a country or region are organised.
41. jester	41.	a person whose job was to do silly things in order to make people laugh in medieval times.
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42. recipe	42.	a list of ingredients and a set of instructions that tell you how to cook something.
43. sword	43.	a weapon with a handle and a long sharp blade.
44.angler	44.	someone who fishes with a fishing rod as a hobby.
45. exhibit	45.	to put something on show, such as your behaviour.
46. poverty	46.	the state of being extremely poor.
47. wriggle	47.	to twist and turn with quick movements, such as when you are uncomfortable.
48. hurricane	48.	an extremely violent wind or storm.
49. ailing	49.	becoming weaker or not getting better.
50. disarray	50.	a state of disorganisation and confusion.
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