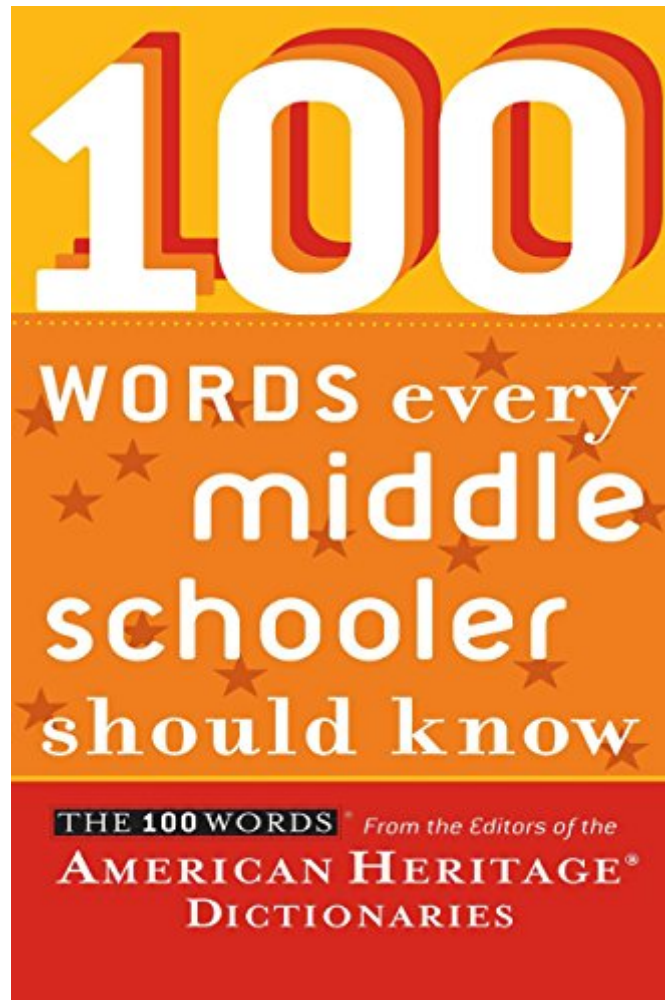




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# 100 Words Every Middle Schooler Should Know



## Synopsis

More is expected of middle schoolers—more reading, more writing, more independent learning. Achieving success in this more challenging world requires knowing many more words. 100 Words Every Middle Schooler Should Know helps students in grades 6 to 8 (ages 11-14) to express themselves with distinction and get the most out of school. The 100 words are varied and interesting, ranging from verbs like muster and replenish to nouns like havoc and restitution to adjectives like apprehensive and imperious. Knowing these words enables students to express themselves with greater clarity and subtlety. Each word has a definition and a pronunciation and appears with at least one quotation—a moving or dramatic passage—taken from a book that middle schoolers are assigned in the classroom or enjoy reading on their own. Both classic and contemporary works of fiction and nonfiction are represented. Among the authors are young adult favorites and award-winners such as Kate Di Camillo, Russell Freedman, Neil Gaiman, E.L. Konigsberg, Lois Lowry, Walter Dean Myers, Katherine Paterson, J. K. Rowling, and Gary Soto. Readers can see for themselves that the words are used by the very best writers in the very best books. It stands to reason that they will see them again and again in higher grades and throughout their lives. 100 Words Every Middle Schooler Should Know helps students to gain useful knowledge and prepares them to step into a broader world.

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## Customer Reviews

I spent the summer looking for vocabulary workbooks to help prepare my rising 5th grader for the ISEE test. I looked mainly on-line and finally settled on one that I kept in my shopping cart for the longest time. I'd hesitated in getting it because the sampling of vocabulary words on the front cover somehow didn't seem appropriate or all that relevant. So I ended up printing out vocabulary lists from the internet and making my own exercises...Then I found this. I knew it wasn't a workbook, but the price was right and I was impressed by the number of uniformly good reviews (something I didn't really see in other books). This book is fantastic. It is small - bigger than pocket size but slim and light enough to easily take with you wherever you go. It is well organized and easy to use. Each word comes with a pronunciation key, part of speech, a concise definition that is easy to understand (I always found it frustrating whenever I looked up a word only to find the definition equally indecipherable), a quote from literature using the word, and an explanation of the word origin (Latin, Greek, French, etc.). My son really got a kick out of the literature quote for the first word on the list ("adversary"), from Harry Potter. He is also learning about Latin (etc.) prefixes and other word origin clues which will help him to figure out other vocabulary words. But most useful of all is the selection of vocabulary. I appreciate that the words are relevant and useful for students advancing in school and in reading. A sample of the words in the book includes: apprehensive, aptitude, barricade, brandish, conspicuous, defiance, deft, disdain, egregious, havoc, imperious, and so on. I'm an educator and avid reader and these are all words that we continue to use into our adult lives. For those preparing for standardized tests, I think this is an excellent reference. I found a few of the same words that are in the sample ISEE test and they appear to be on par with the type of vocabulary that appears on those types of tests. This is not part of the review but I can also share here how we are using the book in case that is useful for anyone. My son and I cover about 2-3 words at a time and go through the entries in the book together. I'll then ask him about the words over the course of the day - when he gets home from school, while we're in the car, while we're eating, etc. We make up sentences using the words and try to use them during the day, sometimes getting creative and silly by trying to combine 2 or 3 words in one sentence. So far he LOVES this

"game" and insists on doing it every night! This has been working so much better than any of the workbook or workbook-type exercises that I have given him in the past.

My 10 year old LOVES this series. She actually goes home after school and reads on her own. 'Nuff said!

Very happy with this little book especially for the price! I bought this to use as a homeschooling supplement for our L.A program. My kids love to read and this book has lots of words that are in the books they currently read. Sometimes kids pass over words they don't know or think they know! We use this book for many fun activities. The words in this book are also great to incorporate into everyday conversations! After a lesson I find my kids using the words as they were meant to be used in writing and conversation! We started in 5th grade, and are still using it in 6th. Ten stars!!!

Great book. My 7 year liked it, a few words were a little difficult for him.

love this book. we homeschool so we post a word a week and use it as our "word of the week". my kids have a blast with it.

This was a great addition to my son's homeschool curriculum. It's clear to understand and my son has enjoyed using it. He's a big reader so some of the words he already knew but he liked learning new ways to use the word in his writing. I recommend it to anyone wanting to help their student improve his vocabulary.

Completed this with my 8th grader who received straight As all year. I was surprised by how many words she was unsure of. Very useful book. we talked about how this could improve her writing and ordered 100 Words Every High School Freshman should know.

Excellent for vocabulary instruction. I use the Frayer Model for each word. Embedded in text for more understanding and memory association. 7th Grade Reading Teacher

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