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# English Literature Vocabulary Lists



## Year 7 core words:

Anguished



Precarious



Conflicted



Solace



Flawed



Solitary



Invincible



Unsettled



Neglected



Victimise



## Year 8 core words:

Authoritarian



Obliterated



Catalyst



Omniscient



Dedication



Ostracise



Futile



Retribution



Nefarious



Submissive



## Year 9 core words:

Collude



Insidious



Corrupt



Oppression



Depravity



Subservient



Duplicitous



Tyrannical






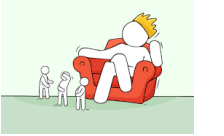





Exploit












Violate





















**Paper 1: 'A Christmas Carol' and 'Macbeth' - Vocabulary List**

Word	Definition	In a sentence	Synonyms	Notes
<b>1. Avaricious</b> 	Adjective: having or showing an extreme greed for wealth or material gain.	<i>He had created a corrupt and <b>avaricious</b> government.</i>	Covetous Greedy	
<b>2. Disparity</b> 	Noun: a lack of equality or similarity, especially in a way that is not fair.	<i>There was a growing <b>disparity</b> between rich and poor.</i>	Gulf Discrepancy	
<b>3. Duplicitous</b> 	Adjective: intentionally hiding true feelings behind false words/ actions.	<i>They were warned about her <b>duplicitous</b> and dishonest nature.</i>	Deceitful Devious	
<b>4. Hubris</b> 	Noun: excessive pride or self-confidence.	<i>His <b>hubris</b> convinced him that he was superior to everyone around him.</i>	Arrogance Pride	
<b>5. Illuminating</b> 	Adjective: giving you new information about a subject or making it easier to understand.	<i>The class had a most <b>illuminating</b> discussion about Shakespeare.</i>	Revealing Enlightening	
<b>6. Inherent</b> 	Adjective: existing as naturally part of something.	<i>She was <b>inherently</b> kind and considerate to others.</i>	Intrinsic Innate	
<b>7. Insidious</b> 	Adjective: (of something unpleasant or dangerous) gradually and secretly causing harm.	<i>It is an <b>insidious</b> system of taxation, which discriminates against the poor in favour of the rich.</i>	Stealthy Surreptitious	
<b>8. Mercenary</b> 	Adjective: describing someone who is primarily motivated by personal gain.	<i>His <b>mercenary</b> attitude led him to pursue his own desires whatever the cost to others.</i>	Covetous Selfish	
<b>9. Ominous</b> 	Adjective: suggesting that something unpleasant is likely to happen.	<i>The engine had been making an <b>ominous</b> sound all the way from my parents' house.</i>	Menacing Forbidding	

<p><b>10. Perturbed</b></p> 	<p>Adjective: worried and concerned.</p>	<p><i>He didn't seem overly <b>perturbed</b> by the news.</i></p>	<p>Troubled Concerned</p>	
<p><b>11. Repentant</b></p> 	<p>Adjective: feeling sorry for something that you have done.</p>	<p><i>She is truly <b>repentant</b> for her incredible naivety and foolishness.</i></p>	<p>Remorseful Ashamed</p>	
<p><b>12. Resolute</b></p> 	<p>Adjective: determined in character, action, or ideas.</p>	<p><i>He was utterly <b>resolute</b> in his refusal to apologise.</i></p>	<p>Adamant Undaunted</p>	
<p><b>13. Revelatory</b></p> 	<p>Adjective: making something known or showing something that was previously secret.</p>	<p><i>Reading the novel had been a <b>revelatory</b> experience.</i></p>	<p>Revealing Transformative</p>	
<p><b>14. Sceptical</b></p> 	<p>Adjective: doubting what others accept to be true.</p>	<p><i>She was <b>sceptical</b> of newspaper's sensationalised headlines.</i></p>	<p>Doubtful Mistrustful</p>	
<p><b>15. Self-imposed</b></p> 	<p>Adjective: decided by yourself, without being influenced or ordered by other people.</p>	<p><i>Her decision to isolate herself from others was <b>self-imposed</b>.</i></p>	<p>Elective Intentional</p>	
<p><b>16. Subvert</b></p> 	<p>Verb: to go against something that is well established.</p>	<p><i>The character of Lady Macbeth initially <b>subverts</b> gender stereotypes.</i></p>	<p>Destabilise Overturn</p>	
<p><b>17. Unscrupulous</b></p> 	<p>Adjective: having or showing no moral principles; not honest or fair.</p>	<p><i>She was cruel, <b>unscrupulous</b>, and vicious, and the country suffered under her rule.</i></p>	<p>Unprincipled Immoral</p>	
<p><b>18. Usurp</b></p> 	<p>Verb: to take control/a position of power without having the right to do so.</p>	<p><i>The student attempted to <b>usurp</b> the authority of the teacher.</i></p>	<p>Seize Take</p>	

**Paper 2: 'An Inspector Calls' and poetry - Vocabulary List**

Word	Definition	In a sentence	Synonyms	Notes
<b>1. Abhorrent</b> 	Adjective: something that provokes disgust or loathing.	<i>To watch someone being hurt and purposely do nothing about it is <b>abhorrent</b>.</i>	Detestable Despicable	
<b>2. Altruistic</b> 	Adjective: a person unselfishly concerned for or devoted to the welfare of others.	<i>It is very rare that a large corporation behaves <b>altruistically</b>.</i>	Selfless Philanthropic	
<b>3. Callous</b> 	Adjective: showing or having an insensitive and cruel disregard for others.	<i>His <b>callous</b> comments about the murder made me shiver.</i>	Heartless Cruel	
<b>4. Culpable</b> 	Adjective: considered responsible for something bad that had happened/ deserving to be blamed	<i>He was held <b>culpable</b> for what had happened in the house on that fateful night.</i>	Guilty Responsible	
<b>5. Disempowered</b> 	Adjective: describing someone whose confidence and feeling of control has been taken away by someone or something else.	<i>By not letting them speak, the leader left his workers feeling <b>disempowered</b>.</i>	Eroded Thwarted	
<b>6. Egocentric</b> 	Adjective: thinking only of oneself, without regard for the feelings or desires of others.	<i>The <b>egocentric</b> attitude of the politician angered his constituents.</i>	Self-centred Self-absorbed	
<b>7. Emblematic</b> 	Adjective: representing a particular person, group or idea.	<i>A sword is <b>emblematic</b> of power.</i>	Symbolic Indicative	
<b>8. Exploitation</b> 	Noun: the act of using someone unfairly for your own advantage.	<i>The ruthless <b>exploitation</b> of the workers did not go unnoticed.</i>	Manipulation Victimisation	
<b>9. Impoverished</b> 	Adjective: very poor.	<i>The <b>impoverished</b> young actor relied on the help of others to support his career.</i>	Destitute Poverty-stricken	

<p><b>10. Indifferent</b></p> 	<p>Adjective: a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern.</p>	<p><i>He condemned the <b>indifferent</b> society that was unwilling to change.</i></p>	<p>Disinterested Oblivious</p>	
<p><b>11. Influential</b></p> 	<p>Adjective: having a lot of power on someone or something.</p>	<p><i>It cannot be underestimated how <b>influential</b> their music has been to so many people.</i></p>	<p>Powerful Instrumental</p>	
<p><b>12. Narcissistic</b></p> 	<p>Adjective: having too much interest in and admiration for yourself.</p>	<p><i>She was self-absorbed and <b>narcissistic</b>, according to people who knew her.</i></p>	<p>Vain Conceited</p>	
<p><b>13. Penitent</b></p> 	<p>Adjective: feeling regret for something you have done, and showing a desire to put it right.</p>	<p><i>"I'm sorry," she said, in a <b>penitent</b> voice.</i></p>	<p>Regretful Rueful</p>	
<p><b>14. Persecuted</b></p> 	<p>Verb: to subject (someone) to hostility and ill-treatment, especially because of their race or political or religious beliefs.</p>	<p><i>Those who fought against the regime were ruthlessly <b>persecuted</b>.</i></p>	<p>Punished Tormented</p>	
<p><b>15. Remorseful</b></p> 	<p>Adjective: to be sorry for something you have done or said.</p>	<p><i>She was genuinely <b>remorseful</b> for her actions after she understood the damage they had done.</i></p>	<p>Contrite Repentant</p>	
<p><b>16. Repugnant</b></p> 	<p>Adjective: extremely distasteful; unacceptable.</p>	<p><i>His selfishness is utterly <b>repugnant</b>.</i></p>	<p>Repulsive Repellent</p>	
<p><b>17. Supercilious</b></p> 	<p>Adjective: behaving in a superior way towards others.</p>	<p><i>The <b>supercilious</b> teacher refused to help the children in class.</i></p>	<p>Condescending Disdainful</p>	
<p><b>18. Transcend</b></p> 	<p>Verb: to surpass somebody or something.</p>	<p><i>She was able to <b>transcend</b> her own suffering and help others.</i></p>	<p>Surpass Eclipse</p>	

Prefix	Meaning	Example
Anti-	Against	Antisocial, anticlockwise, anti-hero
Auto-	Self/ own	Autobiography, autograph, autonomy
Bi-	Two	Bicycle, bilingual
Co-	With/ together	Cooperate, coincide
Com- and con-	With/ together	Combine, composition conform, congregate
De-	To take away/ reduce	Decompose, degrade, defuse
Dis-	Not/ no	Disagree, disobey, dishonest
Ex-	Out/ outside of	Export, exclude, exhale
Fore-	Before/ in front of	Forecast, forefront
Il-	Not	Illegal, illogical
In-	No/ not/ non	Inactive, impossible, invisible, incorrect
Inter-	Between	International, interaction, interchangeable
Im-	No/ not/ non	Impatient, impossible, imperfect
Ir-	Not	Irresponsible, irrelevant, irresistible
Mid-	Middle, between	Midnight, midsummer
Mis-	Wrong	Misunderstand, misbehave, mislead
Non-	Not	Nonsense, non-fiction
Over-	Too much	Overheat, overconfident, overcrowding
Post-	After	Postwar, postgraduate
Pre-	Before	Preview, prehistoric
Pro-	In support of/ acting for	Pronoun, proclaim
Re-	Again	Rewrite, refill, rewrite, repeat
Semi-	Half	Semicircle, semi-final
Sub-	Under/ less important	Submerge, subconscious, subheading
Super-	Greater	Supermarket, superhuman
Trans-	Across/ through/ changing	Transport, transatlantic, translucent
Un-	Not	Unhappy, unfair, unlock, unload
Under-	Below	Underground, underestimate, underhand

Suffix	Meaning	Example
-able, -ible	Capable of being something	Breakable, reversible, adorable
-al, -ial	Relating to	Personal, industrial
-ate	To become	Articulate, abdicate
-ed	Past tense	Walked, jumped
-en	Made of, to become	Wooden, strengthen
-er	Comparative (more or less of something)	Lower, higher
-esque	Reminiscent of	Grotesque, picturesque
-est	Superlative (the most of something)	Fastest, smallest
-ful	Full of	Hopeful, beautiful, painful
-ic, -ical	Describing a trait	Poetic, musical, magnetic
-ing	Present tense	Singing, dancing, performing
-ity, -ty	Quality of	Activity, society
-ive, -ative, -itive	Inclined to	Active, creative, sensitive
-less	Without	Hopeless, fearless, flawless
-ly	Adverb (the manner of something that is done)	Quickly, softly, lovely
-ment	The result of an action (usually changes a verb into a noun)	Enjoyment, development, government, fulfilment
-ness	The state of quality of something	Happiness, darkness, sadness
-ous, -eous, -ious	Full of	Joyous, courteous, ambitious, nervous
-s, -es	Plural	Books, boxes
-tion/ -sion	To make an abstract noun	Pollution, celebration, confusion, vision
-y	Liking to	Funny, windy