

SYLLABUS OUTLINE

**SMETA
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Grade 1-2

Common Objects

balloon, spoon, bottle, pillow, basket, kite, lamp, soap, notebook, crayons, eraser, towel, bowl, bucket, key, helmet, mug, backpack, candle

Animals & Nature

rabbit, turtle, sheep, goat, snake, duck, chick, squirrel, snail, bee, ant, spider, elephant, panda, whale, shark, leaf, pebble, forest, mountain, desert, nest, pond, sky, sunlight, wave

Body Parts

finger, toe, knee, shoulder, cheek, chin, hair, back, elbow, tummy

Colors & Numbers

Colors: Purple, brown, green, yellow, blue | Numbers: One to ten

Action Words (Verbs)

jump, crawl, swim, draw, cut, hold, throw, catch, build, shake, wave, hug, choose, share, carry, climb, break, fix, chase, point

Sight Words

for, has, this, that, here, there, go, come, look, them

Homophones

flower/flour, tail/tale, blue/blew, pair/pear, bee/be

Rhyming Words

sun/run, hat/mat, bed/red, bug/mug

Silent Letter Words

knock, thumb, honest

People & Professions

chef, driver, baker, painter, helper, guard, shopkeeper, pilot, student, worker

Weather & Seasons

autumn, spring, cloudy, windy, snowy, storm, drizzle, sunshine, humid, cool

Feelings & Emotions

brave, proud, calm, worried, shy, confused, joyful, upset, surprised, polite

Descriptive Words

tall, short, round, sharp, rough, smooth, bright, dim, empty, full, tiny, huge, clean, dirty

Position & Direction Words

front, behind, beside, between, inside, outside, across, below, up, down

Random Words

robot, rainbow, candy, cupcake, puzzle, magnet, rocket, spaceship, cookie, bubble, jungle, waterfall, castle, fairy, treasure, puppet, superhero

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Grade 3-4

Commonly Used Words

arrive, describe, decide, admire, appear, arrange, capture, continue, create, damage, imagine, improve, include, measure, notice, promise, purpose, remove, replace, return, suppose, surprise, trouble, explain, prepare, require, celebrate, depend

Animals & Nature

buffalo, chimpanzee, eagle, falcon, jellyfish, meerkat, otter, peacock, polar bear, seahorse, walrus, wolf, yak, glacier, meadow, rainforest, cliff, canyon, breeze, hailstorm, whirlpool, valley, tide

Body Parts

spine, throat, veins, nerves, jawbone, heel, palm

Colors & Numbers

navy, ivory, maroon, silver, golden, dozen, score, half, quarter, tenth, twice, thrice

Action Words (Verbs)

accomplish, appreciate, attempt, avoid, balance, concentrate, connect, convince, deliver, design, divide, explore, gather, persuade, respond, scatter, select, strengthen

Common Homophones

allowed/aloud, cell/sell, morning/mourning, pair/pare, pore/pour, ring/wring, steel/steal, waist/waste, weak/week, mail/male

Silent Letter Words

align, calm, listen, pneumonia, resign, wrist

Tricky Spellings & Double Letters

appointment, recommend, disappear, communicate, committee, buffet, brilliant, necessary, excellent

Descriptive Words (Adjectives)

ancient, clever, colorful, daring, gentle, ordinary, powerful, silent, valuable, enormous, magical, peaceful

Professions & Occupations

botanist, researcher, photographer, sculptor, designer, translator, mechanic, biologist, pharmacist

Weather & Seasons

cyclone, frosty, heatwave, misty, rainfall, thunder, tornado, warmth

Feelings & Emotions

anxious, delighted, frustrated, grateful, hopeful, irritated, peaceful, proud, shocked, thoughtful

Logical & Positional Words

adjacent, border, classify, contrast, intersect, midpoint, pattern, rotate, symmetry

Random Words

compass, crystal, disguise, echo, factory, fountain, lantern, orbit, particle, rescue, shelter, signal, tunnel, vacuum, warrior, whistle, monument, horizon

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Grade 5-6

General Vocabulary

acquire, adapt, assert, authentic, compile, conserve, decisive, endure, evaluate, evident, exceptional, feasible, flexible, formulate, genuine, immense, initiate, precise, priority, productivity, realistic, regulate, reliable, sustainable, transition

Nouns

achievement, alteration, assumption, civilization, concept, decade, diversity, enterprise, equilibrium, expansion, heritage, instinct, magnitude, outcome, portrait, revenue, stability, triumph

Verbs / Phrasal Verbs

adjust, conclude, dedicate, eliminate, identify, modify, navigate, observe, participate, predict, revise, summarize, break through, check in, fill out, hold on, keep up, look into, pass out, point out, set up, take over

Adverbs

anxiously, briskly, confidently, critically, eventually, firmly, genuinely, gradually, independently, noticeably, precisely, promptly, rarely, silently, steadily, unusually, wisely

Adjectives

accurate, adaptable, admirable, analytical, bold, competent, creative, dynamic, efficient, flawless, gracious, heroic, impressive, inventive, majestic, modest, patient, radiant, strategic

Prefixes

bi- (bilingual), co- (cooperate), inter- (interact), multi- (multicolored), post- (postwar), semi- (semiannual), tri- (triangle), ultra- (ultraviolet)

Suffixes

-ology (biology), -ship (friendship), -hood (childhood), -ance (tolerance), -ary (vocabulary), -ive (active), -ward (forward)

Homophones

cereal/serial, coarse/course, dew/due, missed/mist, peak/peek, role/roll

Homonyms

match (game/fire), park (place/stop), light (not heavy/brightness), nail (tool/finger), seal (animal/close)

Colors & Elements

bronze, charcoal, cobalt, crimson, fuchsia, lilac, mustard, periwinkle, salmon, sepia, taupe, turquoise, vermillion, wisteria

Confusing/Tricky Words

amateur, archaic, conscience, courtesy, endeavor, exquisite, foyer, privilege, regime

Complex Vocabulary & Professions

anthropologist, astronomer, economist, entrepreneur, linguistics, momentum, parliament, psychologist, reconnaissance, technician, trajectory, veterinarian, visionary

Descriptive Words

alluring, enchanting, magnificent, radiant, spectacular, stunning, vibrant

Weather & Science Terms

avalanche, climate, condensation, erosion, forecast, gravity, solar, velocity

Emotions & Feelings

cheerful, distressed, furious, hopeful, insecure, joyful, restless, tense

Grade 5-6

Compound Words

bloodstream, daydream, fireplace, grandchild, handcrafted, moonlight, waterproof, workshop, windswept, skyscraper, snowflake, wheelchair

Idioms / Phrases

Break the ice, Hit the books, Under the weather, Piece of cake, Cool as a cucumber, Once in a blue moon, Spill the beans, Hold your horses, Let the cat out of the bag, A blessing in disguise, Burn the midnight oil, Shape up or ship out, The ball is in your court, Bite off more than you can chew, Jump the gun, Cost an arm and a leg, Hit the nail on the head, When pigs fly, A fish out of water, A lion's share

Complex words

Curiosity, Confidence, Ambition, Creativity, Determination, Ignorance, Imagination, Responsibility, Opportunity, Generosity, Patience, Courage, Harmony, Decision, Prediction, Justice, Perspective, Cooperation

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General Vocabulary

accumulate, assert, benevolent, candid, coherent, depict, diminish, enhance, fluctuate, fortify, hesitate, illuminate, implement, improvise, innovate, intricate, intervene, justify, mitigate, simulate, speculate, transcend, validate, venture, wary, wield

Nouns

anomaly, charisma, dilemma, empathy, foundation, initiative, legacy, notion, paradigm, threshold, vision, zeal

Verbs

accelerate, bolster, collaborate, comprehend, confront, cultivate, devise, embrace, execute, foster, hinder, interpret, refine

Adverbs

abruptly, cautiously, deliberately, effortlessly, frantically, genuinely, hesitantly, meticulously, notably, persistently, rapidly, reluctantly, skillfully, stealthily, systematically

Adjectives

adamant, audacious, diligent, eloquent, formidable, humble, innovative, keen, lofty, perceptive, steadfast

Idioms & Phrases

Back to the drawing board, Call it a day, Cut corners, Face the music, Get the ball rolling, Go the extra mile, In the nick of time, Keep an eye on, On the same page, Out of the blue, Piece of the pie, Put all your eggs in one basket, Rain on someone's parade, Steal the show, Up in the air

Synonyms

adept/skilled, bolster/support, diligent/industrious, keen/enthusiastic, skeptical/doubtful

Antonyms

abundant/scarce, diminish/increase, keen/indifferent, vulnerable (paired with resilient), skeptical/convincing, wary/careless

Homophones

Altar / Alter, Brake / Break, Capital / Capitol, Cell / Sell, Complement / Compliment, Dual / Duel, Flee / Flea, Medal / Meddle, Pail / Pale, Principal / Principle, Stationary / Stationery, Vein / Vain / Vane

Homonyms

Bark (tree covering / dog sound), Bat (mammal / sports equipment), Bowl (dish / sports game), Crane (bird/lifting machine), Jam (fruit spread / traffic jam), Match (contest / small stick for fire), Pitch (field / throw), Spring (coil / season), Watch (observe / wrist accessory), Well (healthy / water source)

Commonly Confused & Tricky Words

breath / breathe, cache / cash, flaunt / flout, gauge / gage, illusion / allusion, insure / ensure, lay / lie, precede / proceed, imply / infer

Descriptive & Expressive Words

belligerent, capricious, cryptic, decorous, effervescent, gallant, haphazard, impetuous, kinetic, lavish, munificent, nonchalant, opulent, placid, resolute

Weather & Science Terms

anemometer, aurora, biomes, caldera, glacial, hygrometer, isotherm, overcast, radar, smog, tsunami, vortex

Emotions & Feelings

agitation, compassion, gratitude, grief, indignation, infatuation, jubilation, remorse, serenity, skepticism, wonder

Challenging Words & Abstract Concepts

adversity, dichotomy, epiphany, fortitude, labyrinth, nostalgia, quagmire, rejuvenation, serendipity, transcendence, utopia, veracity, zenith

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acquiesce, adroit, affable, aloof, astute, austere, cathartic, debilitate, deprive, diligent, docile, eclectic, enigma, epitome, esoteric, fallacy, formidable, futile, illicit, impeccable, incredulous, indigenous, lethargic, magnanimous, meticulous, mundane, obsolete, opulent, prudent, scrupulous, sporadic, superfluous, tenacious, vindicate, volatile

Nouns

adversity, camaraderie, conviction, cynicism, integrity, irony, mediocrity, monotony, prowess, reverence, solace

Verbs

berate, contemplate, decipher, elicit, fabricate, heed, instigate, lament, manifest, negate, procure, refute, yield

Adverbs

adamantly, candidly, doggedly, haphazardly, methodically, nonchalantly, tactfully

Adjectives

clandestine, eccentric, feasible, inane, lucid, malevolent, nebulous, pensive, quintessential, vigilant

Geography & Environment

archipelago, atoll, biodiversity, cataclysm, delta, drought, estuary, geothermal, hurricane, isthmus, lagoon, landslide, meander, peninsula, plateau, prairie, ravine, sediment, stratosphere, tectonic, terrain, watershed

Homophones

Aural / Oral, Bail / Bale, Censer / Censor, Incite / Insight, Levee / Levy, Mantel / Mantle, Marital / Martial, Palate / Palette / Pallet, Perquisite / Prerequisite, Prescribe / Proscribe, Regimen / Regiment, Tortuous / Torturous, Wreathe / Wreath

Colors & Elements

beige, chartreuse, crimson, fuchsia, lavender, periwinkle, salmon, sapphire, sepia, taupe, vermillion, wisteria

Commonly Confused & Tricky Words

accede, accommodate, bizarre, boulevard, conscientious, embarrass, exhilarate, fluorescent, itinerary, mischievous, naive, noticeable, occurrence, prerogative, silhouette, succumb, threshold

Descriptive & Expressive Words

abundant, ambiguous, boisterous, coherent, contemptuous, diligent, exuberant, harmonious, impartial, inquisitive, perplexed, pompous, spontaneous

Weather & Science Terms

aerosol, albedo, aridity, blizzard, capillary, dew, doldrums, frost, gale, lightning, radiation, seismograph, stratus, tropopause

Emotions & Feelings

amazement, bliss, bravado, confidence, curiosity, dismay, ecstasy, gloom, guilt, hopefulness, indignation

Idioms & Phrases

a shot in the dark, call the shots, close but no cigar, devil's advocate, every dog has its day, fly off the handle, go back to square one, hit the sack, in hot water, keep your chin up, off the hook

Grade 9-10

Proverbs

actions speak louder than words, a fool and his money are soon parted, birds of a feather flock together, don't bite the hand that feeds you, easy come easy go, haste makes waste, honesty is the best policy, if it ain't broke don't fix it, look before you leap, money doesn't grow on trees, necessity is the mother of invention, practice makes perfect, slow and steady wins the race, time and tide wait for no man, when the going gets tough the tough get going, you can't have your cake and eat it too, every cloud has a silver lining

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Academic & Technical Vocabulary

ablation, axiomatic, Bayesian, cardinality, conjectural, corpus, cryptography, dichotomous, epistemic, factorial, heuristic, inferential, isomorphic, manifold, parametric, postulate, reductive, stochastic, transfinite, vectorial

Business & Economics

amortize, bifurcation, capital gain, deflation, fiduciary duty, hedging, leveraged buyout, marginal cost, portfolio, quantitative easing, securitization, tariff, underwriting, yield curve,

Legal & Political Terms

amicus curiae, caseload, civil liberties, codicil, de jure, ex parte, habeas corpus, injunction, jurisdiction, lobbying, plenary, quash, redress, remand, writ

Scientific & Medical Terms

bioinformatics, cryogenics, dendritic, epigenetics, homeostasis, kinesiology, metabolomics, neuroplasticity, oncogene, paleoclimatology, proteomics, quorum sensing, transcriptome, xenobiotic, zymogen

Philosophical & Psychological Terms

absurdism, cognitivism, determinism, dualism, empiricism, existential, fatalism, idealism, introspection, materialism, monism, phenomenology, relativism, solipsistic, teleology

Complex Synonyms & Antonyms

Brave → intrepid, dauntless, valiant / timid, craven, pusillanimous; Angry → irate, incensed, livid / placid, serene, apathetic; Beautiful → resplendent, ethereal, exquisite / grotesque, hideous, unsightly; Weak → enfeebled, frail, decrepit / stalwart, robust, tenacious; Rich → affluent, opulent, prosperous / destitute, impecunious, penurious

Homophones & Homonyms

Bazaar / Bizarre, Cite / Site / Sight, Disburse / Disperse, Faze / Phase, Grate / Great, Incite / Insight, Lessen / Lesson, Rein / Reign / Rain

Prefixes & Suffixes

Prefixes: ante-, circum-, contra-, dys-, hypo-, macro-, micro-, omni-, retro-, ultra-

Suffixes: -escence, -hood, -ine, -logy, -nomy, -pathy, -scope, -ship, -trophic, -zyme

Idioms & Phrases

at the eleventh hour, bite the bullet, cross the Rubicon, cut to the chase, hit the ground running, kill two birds with one stone, let sleeping dogs lie, miss the boat, throw caution to the wind

Technology & Digital Media

API, blockchain, botnet, cache, deepfake, firmware, GUI (Graphical User Interface), IoT (Internet of Things), latency, open-source, quantum computing, SaaS, URL, UX/UI, VPN

Mythology & Literature

Argus, Bellerophon, Calypso, Cyclops, Daedalus, Erebus, Furies, Ganymede, Hades, Icarus, Midas, Nemesis, Orpheus, Siren, Sphinx, Tartarus

Descriptive & Expressive Words

abstruse, audacious, benevolent, bombastic, capricious, cryptic, dogmatic, effulgent, fastidious, impecunious, insidious, laconic, lugubrious, mendacious, obstinate, ostentatious, perfunctory, pulchritudinous, sagacious, vociferous

Weather & Science Terms

albedo, anemometer, baroclinic, coriolis, doldrums, effusion, geothermal, isotherm, katabatic, neap, orographic, perigee, solstice, thermocline, troposphere

Emotions & Feelings

ambivalence, ardor, bewilderment, camaraderie, despondency, ebullience, ennui, fervor, lassitude, nostalgia, pensiveness, rapture, reverence, trepidation, veneration, wistfulness

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