

# 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, vermilion, 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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# Grade 7-8

## 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, tsunamic, vortex

# Grade 7-8

## **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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# Grade 9-10

## General Vocabulary

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, Censor / Censor / Sensor, Incite / Insight, Levee / Levy, Mantel / Mantle, Marital / Martial, Palate / Palette / Pallet, Perquisite / Prerequisite, Prescribe / Proscribe, Regimen / Regiment, Tortuous / Torturous, Wreath / Wreath

## Colors & Elements

beige, chartreuse, crimson, fuchsia, lavender, periwinkle, salmon, sapphire, sepia, taupe, vermilion, 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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# Grade 11-12

## General Vocabulary

abrogate, acumen, aggrandize, antediluvian, apocryphal, balk, cacophony, capricious, deleterious, despot, enigma, evanescent, flippant, gregarious, hubris, iconoclast, impetuous, intransigent, insipid, laconic, malaise, nefarious, obsequious, onerous, perfidious, prolific, recondite, salient, supercilious, temerity, turgid, venerate

## 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

# Grade 11-12

## **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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