

St. Joseph by-the-Sea High School

Summer Vocabulary List- Freshmen (English 9)

1. abhor-*verb*-detest; hate
2. abridge-*verb*-to shorten; curtail; to use fewer words; condense
3. abscond-*verb*-to depart secretly and hide oneself
4. accessory-*noun*-accomplice; partner; attachment; additional object; a useful but not an essential thing
5. adherent-*noun*-a follower; a believer or advocate of a particular thing
6. adjourn-*verb*-to suspend a session (meeting) until a later time or place
7. admonish-*verb*-to warn or disapprove of
8. adroit-*adjective*-skillful; highly competent
9. alacrity-*noun*-cheerful promptness; cheerful willingness; speed; eagerness
10. alien-*noun*-strange; foreign; exotic
11. allusion-*noun*-an indirect reference
12. altercation-*noun*-noisy or angry dispute; a quarrel
13. altruistic-*adjective*-devoted to the interests of others; generous; benevolent
14. ambiguous-*adjective*-unclear; doubtful in meaning; uncertain
15. ban-*verb*-to forbid; outlaw
16. berate-*verb*-to scold strongly

17. biased-*verb*-prejudiced; inclined to one side of an issue
18. brazen-*adjective*-bold; shameless; impudent
19. cacophonous-*adjective*-loud; discordant; (describes a sound)
20. candid-*adjective*-showing sincere honesty; frank; blunt
21. catalyst-*noun*-a substance that initiates (begins) a chemical reaction
22. chide-*verb*-to scold; reprove; admonish
23. clemency-*noun*-merciful leniency; mildness
24. coerce-*verb*-to force by intimidation
25. console-*verb*-to take away the grief; comfort
26. contrite-*adjective*-penitent; deeply sorrowful; repentant
27. conundrum-*noun*-riddle; puzzle; dilemma (problem with no solution)
28. conventional-*adjective*-typical; ordinary; customary; commonplace
29. credible-*adjective*-capable of being believed; believable; plausible
30. cubicle-*noun*-a small partitioned space
31. demure-*adjective*-modest; reserved; serious or sober
32. deplete-*verb*-to use up; exhaust; reduce
33. depreciation-*noun*-lowering the price or value of; disparagement
34. despicable-*adjective*-worthy of contempt or hatred
35. despot-*noun*-a tyrannical ruler; tyrant; authoritarian ruler
36. deteriorate-*verb*-to make inferior in quality or value; impair; to grow worse;

degenerate

37. diatribe-*noun*-a bitter verbal attack; a bitter scolding; an invective; tirade;

harangue

38. diffident-*adjective*-shy; lacking confidence; timid

39. diminutive-*adjective*-extremely small; tiny

40. divulge-*verb*-to make known; reveal (as a secret)

41. dolt-*noun*-stupid person; idiot; dull-witted person

42. duplicity-*noun*-trickery

43. elicit-*verb*-to draw out by discussion; provoke; to call forth

44. embroil-*verb*-to be involved in a conflict or difficulties

45. enlightened-*adjective*-to give knowledge; to instruct; to illuminate

46. euphony-*noun*-a pleasant, harmonious sound (adjective-euphonious)

47. fallow-*adjective*-uncultivated; unused

48. feign-*verb*-to pretend; to invent falsely; to give a false impression

49. fodder-*noun*-coarse food for cattle, horses or sheep

50. fortify-*verb*-to make strong; to give physical strength or endurance

51. garrulous-*adjective*, talkative, loquacious (see #64), verbose

52. ghastly-*adjective*-resembling a ghost; terrifying to the senses; grisly;

gruesome; lurid

53. hamper-*verb*-to restrain; disrupt; shackle; fetter

54. humane-*adjective*-merciful; kind
55. impediment-*noun*-barrier; obstacle; speech disorder
56. impertinent-*adjective*-rude; insolent
57. impoverished-*adjective*-poor; depleted
58. incessant-*adjective*-continuing; continual; constant
59. indigenous-*adjective*-native; occurring naturally in an area
60. indolent-*adjective*-lazy; idle
61. interim-*adjective*-time intervening; interval
62. intricate-*adjective*-complicated; complex; difficult to analyze; detailed
63. languid-*adjective*-weak; sluggish; slow; listless
64. loquacious-*adjective*-talkative; garrulous; verbose
65. maltreat-*verb*-to treat cruelly or roughly; abuse
66. mire-*noun*-heavy, often deep mud, slush or dirt
67. mirthful-*adjective*-happy; laughing; light hearted
68. mundane-*adjective*-worldly; commonplace; ordinary; banal
69. nefarious-*adjective*-vicious; evil; very wicked
70. pathos-*noun*-sympathy; pity; compassion
71. pauper-*noun*-a poor person; an indigent
72. penitent-*adjective*-sorrowful; contrite; repentant; remorseful
-noun-a sorrowful, contrite person

73. perennial-*adjective*-enduring; constant; persistent
-*noun*-a plant which comes back to life year after year
74. perfidious-*adjective*-disloyal; basely false; faithless; untrustworthy
75. predispose-*verb*-incline; make susceptible
76. proliferate-*verb*-to grow rapidly
77. rancid-*adjective*-having a sour or rank odor or taste; spoiled; rotten
78. raucous-*adjective*-noisy; harsh sounding; boisterous
79. rectify-*verb*-to correct; to remedy
80. rift-*noun*-an opening; fissure; a space; breach; cleft; a break in a friendly relationship
81. sagacious-*adjective*-wise; shrewd; keen; having insight
82. sedentary-*adjective*-inactive; stationary; sluggish
83. servitude-*noun*-slavery; bondage
84. slapdash-*adjective*-sloppy; cursory; careless; slipshod; haphazard; done hastily
85. slothful-*adjective*-lazy; sluggish; inactive
86. stagnant-*adjective*-motionless; not flowing; dull; inactive
87. succinct-*adjective*-terse; brief; concise
88. succumb-*verb*-to yield to a superior force; to die; yield
89. taunt-*verb*-to insult; to mock; ridicule

90. tenacious-*adjective*-persistent; stubborn; holding fast to a belief
91. thesis-*noun*-hypothesis; theory
92. tremulous-*adjective*-trembling; quivering; fearful; timid
93. urbane-*adjective*, courteous, refined, suave, elegant
94. vagrant-*noun*-wanderer; one who roves
-*adjective*-random; having no fixed course
95. vile-*adjective*-morally base; wicked; foul; degrading; low; disgusting
96. vulnerable-*adjective*-defenseless; unprotected; innocent; naïve
97. warp-*verb*-to twist out of shape; falsify; distort
98. wily-*adjective*-crafty; sly; shrewd
99. winsome-*adjective*-charming; happily engaging; agreeable; gracious
100. zenith-*noun*-highest point; summit; peak; pinnacle