



Meopham School

EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

Year 8

English Department Homework Booklet

Vocabulary Builder

Student Name:

How to use:

- Keep your booklet neat and tidy. The presentation of your work reveals your attitude towards your work.
- You must only complete one task each week. Do not rush ahead.
- Your teacher will tell you which day of the week your homework is due.

Write it here: _____

Year 8 - Vocabulary Builder One: you must learn how to spell the 10 words on this sheet, what their definitions are and be able to use them in a sentence.

Working Words

	Word	Definition	Example
1	Collaborated (verb)	To work together in a helpful way	Two students <u>collaborated</u> on their project and got full marks.
2	Productive (adjective)	To be able to make, or produce large amounts of something	Richard was working in a <u>productive</u> way and finished the job early.
3	Analyse (verb)	To examine, or look at something, in detail so that it can be explained.	The class had to <u>analyse</u> a poem for their test.
4	Knowledgeable (adjective)	To have great understanding	The boss was very <u>knowledgeable</u> about his company.
5	Erroneous (adjective)	To describe something that is wrong, incorrect or an error.	The report included many <u>erroneous</u> comments and had to be done again.
6	Strategy (noun)	A plan of action designed to achieve a goal	The student had a new revision <u>strategy</u> for their summer exams
7	Efficient (adjective)	To describe something as working well	The new office had lots of very <u>efficient</u> workers.
8	Essential (adjective)	To describe something as absolutely necessary	The teacher told the class that completing homework is an <u>essential</u> part of education
9	Negotiate (verb)	To formally discuss with someone to reach an agreement	We want to <u>negotiate</u> a deal that is fair for everyone involved.
10	Colleague (noun)	Someone you work with	My <u>colleague</u> and I will take our lunch break together, because we are also friends.

Year 8 - Vocabulary Builder Two: you must learn how to spell the 10 words on this sheet, what their definitions are and be able to use them in a sentence.

People Words

	Word	Definition	Example
1	Mischievous (adjective)	causing trouble in a playful way	Hiding the remote control was a <u>mischievous</u> thing to do
2	Skilful (adjective)	Being good at something, usually through practice	Sophie was <u>skilful</u> at taking penalties, she rarely missed.
3	Outrageous (adjective)	Describing something or someone as shocking, bold or over the top	Matthew made the <u>outrageous</u> suggestion that summer holidays should be cancelled.
4	Limbs (noun)	The arms or legs of a person or animal	His long <u>limbs</u> meant he always had trouble finding trouser to fit.
5	Conscience (noun)	A person's moral sense of what is right and wrong	It was against her <u>conscience</u> to drop litter on the floor
6	Argument (noun)	An angry conversation or exchange of different views	Steve had an <u>argument</u> with Gina about where to get a takeaway from.
7	Embarrass (verb)	To cause someone to feel awkward or ashamed	It was unkind to <u>embarrass</u> the new student in front of the whole class.
8	Height (noun)	The measurement of someone from head to foot	The boy's <u>height</u> had changed from 150cm to 155cm in two months
9	Communicate (verb)	To share or exchange information, news or ideas	The newsreader had to <u>communicate</u> the latest story quickly.
10	Immoral (adjective)	The opposite of moral. Not conforming to accepted standards of what is right	Lying to your family or friends is an <u>immoral</u> thing to do.

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Environment Words

	Word	Definition	Example
1	Landscape (noun)	All the visible features of an area of land	She looked out of her hotel window and gazed at the beautiful <u>landscape</u> .
2	Foreign (adjective)	Used to describe something from another country or place	After her holiday to Spain, Gina found that she had a few <u>foreign</u> coins in her purse.
3	Rural (adjective)	Used to describe something connected to the countryside	As they drove away from the city, the views became more <u>rural</u> .
4	Atmosphere (noun)	The tone or mood belonging to a place	The beach had a pleasant and joyful <u>atmosphere</u>
5	Terrain (noun)	A stretch of land	The explorers were delayed by rough <u>terrain</u> , which was difficult to travel across
6	Endangered (adjective)	At serious risk of becoming extinct	The lesser spotted lion newt was becoming <u>endangered</u> because of habitat destruction.
7	Tempestuous (adjective)	Used to describe something that is stormy	The clouds looked black and <u>tempestuous</u> . Rain started to fall heavily.
8	Brook (noun)	A small river or stream	There was a clear, gentle <u>brook</u> running at the bottom of the garden and it was beautiful
9	Copse (noun)	An area of trees and shrubs	Halfway up the hill, there was a small <u>copse</u> which provided shelter from the wind.
10	Lagoon (noun)	A small stretch of water or lake	The <u>lagoon</u> was home to so much wildlife; it was a rich habitat

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Colourful Words

	Word	Definition	Example
1	Turquoise	Light, bright blue	The ocean was so still it looked like a sheet of <u>turquoise</u> glass.
2	Emerald	Vibrant Green	Her <u>emerald</u> eyes stood out against her pale blonde hair.
3	Magenta	Deep, bright pink	Matthew's wild, <u>magenta</u> shirt was not appropriate for the office.
4	Teal	Dark, greenish Blue	The lake was deep and dark and the algae growing within gave it a <u>teal</u> shine.
5	Maroon	A wine coloured red	His bloody knee had started to scab and the thick <u>maroon</u> spot could be seen by everyone.
6	Ochre	A dark yellow with brown tones	The autumn leaves were beautiful colours; scarlet, gold and <u>ochre</u> .
7	Cerise	A light clear red/pink	His raspberry ice cream arrived at the table; a mountain of <u>cerise</u> deliciousness.
8	Azure	Sea blue	The <u>azure</u> morning sky was lightly dotted with small wispy clouds.
9	Mahogany	Deep dark brown	In the corner, stood an imposing <u>mahogany</u> wardrobe, which was always locked.
10	Vermillion	Bright red	She painted a rich <u>vermillion</u> onto her lips and looked at herself admiringly.

Year 8 - Vocabulary Builder Five: you must learn how to spell the 10 words on this sheet, what their definitions are and be able to use them in a sentence.

Emotional Words

	Word	Definition	Example
1	Astonishment	Extreme surprise / disbelief	The teacher gave a look of astonishment, when everyone did their homework on time.
2	Dismay	Concern or worry when something unexpected happens	To his <u>dismay</u> , the post office was closed early and he had missed the delivery.
3	Compassion	Sympathy for the suffering of other people or beings	Stephen showed great <u>compassion</u> for the dogs in the rehoming shelter.
4	Infatuation	An intense, but usually short obsession with something/someone	She had developed an <u>infatuation</u> with knitting and made three jumpers that day.
5	Anguish	Severe pain and suffering (mental or physical)	She shut her eyes in <u>anguish</u> when she realised the summer holidays were over.
6	Exhilarating	Extreme excitement or happiness	Climbing Mount Everest was tough, but reaching the summit was an <u>exhilarating</u> moment.
7	Ferocious	Extremely fierce, cruel or violent	Everyday she screamed at some poor person. She had a <u>ferocious</u> temper.
8	Revulsion	A sense of disgust or hatred	The news of the bomb attack caused sadness in some people, <u>revulsion</u> in others.
9	Eagerness	Enthusiasm or keenness to do/have something	The year 8 girls showed a real <u>eagerness</u> to play football in their PE lesson.
10	Jubilant	To feel feel of great happiness	At the music festival, the crowd was <u>jubilant</u> when the band played their number 1 hit.

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Weather Words

	Word	Definition	Example
1	Cyclone (noun)	A system of strong, rotating winds	The <u>cyclone</u> swept across the little town, throwing up cars and houses as it passed.
2	Avalanche (noun)	A mass of snow, falling down a mountain side	The <u>avalanche</u> thundered down the slope and threatened the village below
3	Precipitation (noun)	Rain, snow, sleet or hail	The weatherman had predicted more <u>precipitation</u> and nobody was happy about it.
4	Blizzard (noun)	An extreme snow storm	Schools had been closed that week, due to Sunday's <u>blizzard</u> . Roads were impassable.
5	Humid (adjective)	To describe high levels of moisture in the air	The rainforest was hot, sticky and <u>humid</u> . It was hard to breathe there.
6	Downpour (noun)	A heavy period of rain	A sudden <u>downpour</u> filled the gutters and drains. Puddles formed everywhere.
7	Lightning (noun)	An electrical discharge between a cloud and the ground	During yesterday's storm, they had watched tremendous flashes of <u>lightning</u> .
8	Torrent (noun)	A fast moving current or stream of water	With the <u>torrent</u> of rain, I grabbed my umbrella to go outside
9	Blustery (adjective)	Strong, gusty winds	Autumn brought about more blustery days. It shook the leaves from the trees.
10	Overcast (adjective)	A grey covering of cloud	The <u>overcast</u> sky suggested that rain was coming and the cricket would be cancelled.

