

Vocabulary – 9th grade

1. Vocabulary Development and Word Analysis

- . Denotation vs. Connotation:**
Understanding literal meanings and emotional associations.
- . Synonyms & Antonyms:** Expanding vocabulary through word relationships.
- . Homophones & Homonyms:** Words that sound alike but have different meanings (e.g., affect/effect, cite/site).

- **Word Roots, Prefixes, and Suffixes:**
Analyzing components for meaning
(e.g., "bene-" = good, as in
"benevolent").

2. Advanced Vocabulary Words

- **Abstract vs. Concrete Words:**
Understanding precise language
use.
- **Commonly Confused Words: E.g.,**
"compliment" vs. "complement,"
"elicit" vs. "illicit."
- **Academic and SAT Words:**
 - **Eloquent (persuasive in speech)**
 - **Scrutinize (examine closely)**
 - **Vindicate (clear from blame)**
 - **Pervasive (widespread)**

- **Inevitable (unavoidable)**
- **Erratic (unpredictable)**
- **Ambiguous (unclear or open to multiple meanings)**
- **Surreptitious (secretive, stealthy)**
- **Ephemeral (lasting a short time)**
- **Omnipotent (all-powerful)**

3. Word Usage and Context Clues

- **Identifying Word Meaning in Sentences: Using context to determine unfamiliar words.**
- **Figurative Language and Word Nuance: Metaphors, idioms, and hyperbole in real-world usage.**

4. Synonyms and Antonyms Practice

- **Synonyms:**

- **Scrutinize → Examine**
- **Erratic → Unstable**
- **Surreptitious → Secretive**

- **Antonyms:**

- **Ambiguous → Clear**
- **Pervasive → Rare**
- **Inevitable → Avoidable**

5. Word Forms & Application

- **Nouns, Verbs, and Adjectives in Context:**

- **Noun: "His vindication was finally proven after years of doubt."**

- **Verb: "She scrutinized every detail before submitting her essay."**
- **Adjective: "The pervasive scent of flowers filled the garden."**

6. Vocabulary Strategies

- **Word Mapping & Etymology:**
Breaking words down into origins for better understanding.
- **Analogies & Word Relationships:**
Strengthening critical thinking (e.g., ephemeral is to temporary as vindicate is to defend).

7. Application & Assessment

- . In-Class Quiz: Multiple-choice and sentence completion using advanced vocabulary.**
- . Homework Assignment:**
 - Choose 10 words from the lesson.**
 - Write 5 complex sentences using these words effectively.**
 - Identify and explain the connotation of at least 3 words.**