

Fourth Grade Student Vocabulary List

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	WORD	Definition
1	active	to be lively
2	adaptation	trait that helps a living thing survive in its environment
3	adjective	a word that describes a noun
4	adventure	an unusual or exciting experience
5	adverb	a word that describes a verb, an adjective, or another adverb
6	agriculture	the business of growing plants and raising animals to sell for food; farming and ranching
7	alarm	to fill with sudden fear; frighten
8	annual	occurring or performed once a year; yearly
9	antonym	word that shows opposite meaning
10	apostrophe	a symbol that forms contractions or shows possession
11	appeal	the power to attract or interest
12	astronomy	the study of planets, stars, and other objects in space
13	atlas	a book of maps
14	barometer	a tool that measures air pressure
15	bellows	a loud deep noise; roar
16	benefit	something that is of help
17	blister	a swelling in the skin filled with watery liquid
18	border	the side, edge, boundary of anything
19	capitol	the building where the state legislature meets

20	cardinal direction	for main directions on a compass rose, n, s, e, w
21	carnivore	consumers that eat only animals
22	cause	the reason why something happens
23	cautious	very careful
24	celebration	to do something special in honor of a special person
25	character	a person in a story, novel, or play
26	circumference	the distance around a circle
27	citizen	a person who lives legally in a town, city, or country, and is given certain rights
28	climate	the type of weather a place has year after year
29	climax	the turning point in the action of the story
30	coax	to influence by gentle urging, special attention, or flattering
31	coil	to wind around and around, forming a pile, a tube, or a curl
32	comma	a symbol used to keep words and ideas from running together, tells the reader where to pause
33	communication	the process of sending any type of message from one place to another
34	compare	to say how things are alike
35	conclusion	the last part of a story or piece of writing
36	condensation	the process of water vapor, a gas, changing to a liquid
37	conjunction	a word that connects other words, sentence, or phrases
38	contagious	capable of passing on to another
39	continent	one of Earth's seven large land areas
40	contrast	to say how things are different
41	convenience	something that gives comfort or advantage
42	council	a group that meets to talk and solve problems
43	country	a land area with its own government

44	county	unit into which a state or country is divided for local government
45	courageous	having or marked by courage, brave
46	crouch	to stoop over with the legs bent
47	cube	a number you get when you multiply a number by itself three times ex. $4 \times 4 \times 4$
48	culture	the attitudes, beliefs, and patterns of a group or organization
49	cycle	a series of events that is repeated in the same order over and over again
50	definitely	a clear meaning
51	denominator	the bottom number of a fraction that tells the total number of equal parts
52	diameter	a line segment through the center of a circle
53	digest	break food down
54	disease	a condition that keeps the body from working properly; illness
55	disguise	make a thing seem like something else
56	dormant	in a state of rest
57	double	a number that has 2 as a factor
58	drought	long period of no rain
59	ecosystem	all the living and nonliving things in an environment and the many ways they interact
60	effect	the result of an action or cause
61	elaborate	to give more details
62	environment	everything that surrounds a living thing
63	erosion	the moving of pieces of soil or rock
64	estimate	approximate answer; a guess
65	evidence	facts; proof
66	executive	branch of government that enforces laws

67	factor	one of two numbers that are multiplied together to form a product
68	farewell	good wishes when saying good-by
69	fierce	wild and frightening; dangerous
70	fond	loving or liking
71	fossil	remains or mark of a living thing from long ago
72	furiously	done with great energy, speed, or intensity; wildly
73	gasp	to draw in a breath sharply; to breathe with difficulty
74	genre	a type of literature
75	glimpse	a very quick look
76	government	the agency through which a political unit exercises authority
77	governor	leader of each state or territory
78	gradually	slowly over a period of time
79	gram	metric unit of measurement for mass; weighs as much as an M&M candy
80	gravity	an attractive force between two or more objects over a distance
81	harsh	rough to the touch, taste, eye, or ear
82	hemisphere	half of Earth, usually divided by the equator or prime meridian
83	herbivore	consumers that get energy by eating only plants
84	herd	a group on animals of one kind
85	horizon	the line where earth and sky seem to meet
86	humidity	the amount of water vapor in the air
87	hygiene	practices that aid or help good health
88	hyphen	a symbol used to divide or join words; also used to create new words
89	idiom	an expression that cannot be understood from the meanings of its separate words but must be learned as a whole

90	immigrant	a person who leaves one country to settle in another
91	intermediate direction	directions between cardinal directions, SE, SW, NE, NW
92	introduction	the part of your writing that leads up to and explains what will be found in the main part; the beginning of a story or piece of writing
93	judicial	branch of government that explains laws and decides punishment
94	kinetic energy	energy of motion
95	labor	the work people do
96	landforms	a natural land feature such as a mountain, plateau or plain
97	latitude	imaginary lines that measure how far north or south of the equator
98	laundry	clothes, towels, and so on that have been washed or needed to be washed
99	legislative	branch of government that makes laws
100	liter	metric unit of measurement of volume
101	longitude	imaginary lines that measure how far east or west of the prime meridian
102	melody	a pleasing or easily remembered series of musical notes; tune
103	meteorologist	a scientist who studies and measures weather conditions
104	meter	metric unit of measurement for length
105	migration	to go from one region to another when the seasons change
106	motto	a slogan; words that state a goal or idea
107	multiple	the product of a quantity and a whole number, 35 is the multiple of 5 and 7; counting by 2's, 5's, or any given number
108	Native American	the people living in the western hemisphere before the arrival of foreigners
109	noun	word that names a person, place, or thing

110	numerator	the top number of a fraction that tells how many you are counting
111	omnivore	consumers that eat both plants and animals
112	organism	highest level of cell organization; a complete living thing
113	paragraph	an organized part of a writing that has one point
114	parallel circuit	two or more paths in which an electric charge can flow
115	parasite	an organism that lives on or in another organism, helping itself but hurting the other organism
116	peculiar	different from the usual or normal
117	peer	look closely
118	perimeter	the distance around a polygon; add all sides
119	planet	a heavenly body other than a comet, asteroid, or satellite that travels in orbit around the sun
120	plot	a series of events that build on one another from beginning to end of a story
121	plunged	to throw yourself into something suddenly
122	plural	a word that means more than one
123	possessive	shows ownership
124	potential energy	energy that is stored in an object due to its position
125	prairie	wide grassy land with few trees
126	precious	of great value or high price
127	precipitation	water falling from the air; rain, snow, sleet or hail
128	predicate	what the subject is doing, the telling part
129	predict	to tell ahead of time
130	prefix	word parts that come before root words
131	preposition	a word that combines with a noun or pronoun to form a phrase
132	probability	the chance that something will happen; a fraction

133	product	an answer you get when you multiply
134	pronoun	a word that takes the place of a noun
135	quotient	an answer you get when you divide
136	reap	to harvest a crop
137	recite	to say something from memory, especially in front of an audience
138	reference	another book for more information
139	rehearse	to practice ,to train or instruct for public performance
140	renewable	resources that can be restored
141	reptile	any of a group of cold-blooded air-breathing vertebrates (as snakes, lizards, turtles, and alligators) that usually lay eggs and have skin covered with scales or bony plates
142	resolution	end of a play or story when the problem is solved
143	resource	a new or a reserve source of supply or support
144	responsible	can be counted on to do the right thing
145	roam	to walk around with no special plan or aim
146	series circuit	a simple circular path in which an electric current flows only one way through each part of that circuit
147	shallow	having little depth, not deep
148	similar	having qualities in common
149	simile	a figure of speech that makes a comparison using "like" or "as"
150	singular	a word that means one
151	slavery	the practice of owning another person like property
152	sod	the grass-covered surface of the ground
153	sodbuster	an other name for a farmer; someone who dug up sod or prairie grasses
154	square	a number you get when you multiply a number by itself ex. 4x4

155	state	one of the units of a nation having a federal government
156	subject	who or what the sentence is about, the naming part
157	suffix	word parts that come at the end of a word
158	summary	a short statement of the main points in a story
159	synonym	word that shows similar meaning
160	taunt	tease in a mocking manner; jeer
161	transparent	materials that let nearly all light rays pass through
162	transportation	a process of being carried or moved from place to place
163	triple	a number that has 3 as a factor
164	triumph	victory or success after great effort
165	unicameral	one house legislature
166	vaccine	a shot given to prevent illnesses
167	variety	a mixture of items
168	verb	a word that is expresses action
169	weathering	the gradual wearing away of rock or soil by water, ice, wind, chemicals, or living things