

The Weekly Word

During the previous school year I would place a new word on the wall each week which we would learn and use. This easy language arts study turned out to be fun for the kids and it increased their vocabulary. While I didn't create the past lessons on computer, for the coming year I am working on being more prepared.

Each page in this file has one word and its definition. There are a total of 30 words for 30 schooling weeks. Feel free to use the word a week pages as you see fit for building your child's (and your) vocabulary.

How I Use the Words

Monday the word is hung up.
We read the new word.
Read and discuss the definition.
Each of us try out the word in a sentence.

Tuesday.
The word is read out and used in a sentence by everyone.

For the rest of the week we each find instances to use the weekly word in sentence form.

This activity is listed in my homeschool log under Language Arts. The purpose of this unit is to build the child's vocabulary.

Sincerely,
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discombobulate

To confuse.
Befuddle.

flabbergast

To astound.

To overwhelm with surprise and bewilderment.

psychedelic

Full of vivid colors.
A psychedelic poster.

nemesis

A rival.

An unbeatable opponent.

Nemesis is also the name of the goddess of vengeance.

commandeer

To seize something, such as a boat, to use for military purposes or to use for one's own purpose.

straggle

To wander off.
A straggling duckling.

congenial

Pleasant or agreeable.

curmudgeon

A cranky, bad-tempered person.

spittoon

A bowl or container that is spit into.

plucky

Courageous or brave.

Draconian

Something that is very harsh.
Draconian laws.

fiddlesticks

Nonsense.

swashbuckler

A daredevil or swaggering fellow.

heebie-jeebies

To have the jitters.

To be nervous.

pettifog

To argue over small matters.

To quibble.

notorious

To be widely known and regarded with disapproval.

Vlad the Impaler, also known as Dracula, is notorious.

nonchalant

To be calm and casual.

noggin

A small wooden cup.

This word is also used to mean “head.”

Use your noggin to pass the test.

papoose

A North American Indian baby.

phew

An exclamation of relief,
wonder, or impatience.

pip

A wonderful person or thing.
She's a little pip.

menagerie

A collection of wild animals.

My son collects bugs, lizards, and fish.
His bedroom is a menagerie.

retort

To make a quick reply.

liberate

To set free.

kindred

A relative.

smidgen

A small amount.

jocund

Cheerful and merry.

toff

A dandy gentleman.
A person who dresses well.

vamoose

To leave in a hurry.

joggle

To shake lightly.

He joggled the piggy bank to see if there were any coins inside of it.