

St. Philip's Episcopal School

15 Seconds of Summer

This activity was inspired by the New York Times Learning Network's annual vocabulary contest, which is open to middle and high school students. In an effort to help our fifth-grade students increase their exposure and understanding of new vocabulary, we have adapted the activity to make it age-appropriate. The guidelines below describe the activity. The rubric that will be used for grading is also included.

Guidelines

1. Choose a word from the word list provided (keep scrolling to find the word list).
2. Record a video helping your audience understand and learn the word. Be creative! I used the app **Clips** on my iPhone. You can also use **iMovie**.
3. In the video, students should pronounce the word aloud, name the part of speech, and define the word.
4. The video should be no more than 15 seconds, but it can be shorter.
5. The video must be appropriate for an elementary audience.
6. Please submit the video to pfajardo@stphilips.org by Monday, August 12, 2024.

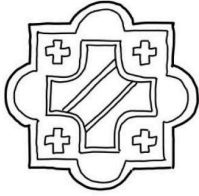
Examples

[edible \(adjective\)](#)

[synopsis \(noun\)](#)

[mimic \(verb\)](#)

Rubric



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	Excellent (4)	Proficient (3)	Developing (2)	Beginning (1)
Word: The word was chosen from the list provided. It was correctly pronounced, its part of speech identified, and it was defined.				
Student Made: Student appears in the video or records video. Student should be part of the editing process.				
Creativity: Video presents the word in an original way.				
Clarity: Video helps viewer understand and learn the word.				
Guidelines: Length of the video is 15 seconds or less, appropriate for elementary children, and was submitted by August 12, 2024.				

Word List

abhor	bliss	devious
abrupt	boisterous	devout
absurd	bravado	diminish
acute	brevity	din
admonish	cajole	diplomatic
adorn	candor	disclose
affable	celestial	dismal
aghast	ensor	dispute
alleviate	chasm	disseminate
aloof	chronic	divert
amend	coarse	docile
amorphous	concise	ebullient
ardent	condone	eccentric
articulate	congeal	elusive
asset	convene	embellish
astute	conventional	emulate
atrocious	copious	encompass
audacity	crude	endorse
banal	dawdle	enigma
banter	debris	erratic
beguile	deficient	erudite
benefactor	dejected	essential
bewildered	desolation	evade
bias	despondent	exotic

expunge
extricate
extroverted
fastidious
fatal
fauna
fickle
fidelity
flippant
formidable
futile
genuine
glee
glib
gregarious
hallowed
hasty
heed
immaculate
imminent
impervious
imply
incentive
incredulous
inhabit

innate
insinuation
inundate
irate
jeer
jubilant
judicious
kinetic
lavish
lethargic
lenient
lofty
magnanimous
malleable
meager
meek
melancholy
meticulous
milieu
mimic
minuscule
misanthrope
monotonous
multitude
myriad

nebulous
neutral
nimble
novice
nuance
objective
obscure
obstinate
obstruct
odorous
ominous
orator
ostentatious
outlier
pacify
palatable
paradox
passive
pathos
pensive
persevere
pervasive
pigment
pious
pivotal

plausible
plethora
poignant
pompous
preamble
primordial
profound
prolific
prologue
putrid
quell
quench
queue
quip
ramble
rancor
ransack
ravenous
recluse
redundant
refrain
regal
relic
replenish
repugnant

reputable
revel
riveting
savory
scarce
scrupulous
seethe
seldom
shrewd
sinister
sociable
sonorous
spontaneity
squall
squander
stanza
staunch
strive
subdue
sublime
succumb
suffice
surmise
taciturn
tactful

tangible
tenacious
tenuous
tepid
terse
thrifty
trepidation
trinket
trite
triumvirate
unanimous
underscore
unkempt
untenable
utopia
vacuous
vague
vagabond
vehement
venerable
vex
verbose
vivacious
vociferous
wantonly

whimsical

zealous

zenith