

Summer Vocabulary Challenge for Rising 8th Graders

Theme: Words That Make You Smarter

Part 1: Weekly Word Builder (8 Weeks)

Each week, choose 5 new academic or descriptive words from the vocabulary list provided. For each word:

- Define it in your own words.
- Use it in an original sentence.
- Create a visual or symbol to represent the word (drawing, collage, emoji combo, etc.)
- Identify a place where you found the word in real life (article, book, show, conversation, etc.)

 Total by summer's end: 40 words fully explored.

Part 2: Word-in-Context Reading Logs (2 required)

Choose any fiction or nonfiction book, article, or short story and complete the following for each:

- Title & Author
- Write a short summary (5-7 sentences).
- Pick 3 interesting or unfamiliar words from the text. Define them, use them in new sentences, and explain how they were used in the original context.

 Can be completed anytime during the summer.

Part 3: Vocabulary in Action (1 writing task)

Using at least 10 words from your summer word list, write one of the following:

- A 1-page personal narrative
- A persuasive letter or opinion piece
- A short story

 Bold or underline the vocabulary words you use.