

5th Grade Word Wizards List #1

1. **Windfall**- Noun & Adj- an unexpected gain or piece of good fortune. windfall profits; something blown down by the wind, as fruit. Synonyms: bonus, lucky find, stroke of luck
2. **Pelt**- Verb- to strike blows; beat with force; to beat or pound unrelentingly: The wind, rain, and snow pelted against the castle walls. Noun- The pelt of an animal is its skin, which can be used to make clothing or rugs. Synonym- batter, bombard, strike, coat, hide (animal skin)
3. **Unkempt**- Adj- uncared-for or neglected: unkempt clothes; an unkempt lawn Synonyms- neglected, disheveled; messy
4. **Scuffle**- Verb- to struggle or fight in a rough, confused manner; to move in hurried confusion. Noun- a rough, confused struggle or fight. Synonyms- brawl, commotion, jump
5. **Ebb**- Noun- the flowing back of the tide as the water returns to the sea (opposed to flood, flow).; a flowing backward or away; decline or decay: the ebb of a once great nation; a point of decline: His fortunes were at a low ebb. Synonyms- backflow, decrease, retreat
6. **Slight**- Adj- small in amount, degree, etc.: a slight increase; of little importance; trivial: a slight cut; slender or slim; not heavily built; frail; flimsy; delicate: a slight fabric of little substance or strength. Verb- to treat (someone) with indifference; ignore; snub: to do negligently: to slight one's studies. Synonyms- slender, weak, insignificant, unimportant, minor
7. **Tier**- Noun- a row or level of a structure/seating (theater); a layer; level; stratum: The wedding cake had six tiers. All three tiers of the firm's management now report to one director. Synonyms- category, layer, row, order, grouping
8. **Murmur**- Noun- a low, continuous sound, as of a brook, the wind, or trees, or of low, indistinct voices. Verb- to make a low or indistinct sound, especially continuously; to speak in a low tone; to complain in a low tone or in private. Synonyms- muttering, grumble, hum, buzz
9. **Hulking**- Adj- heavy and clumsy; bulky. Synonyms- giant, solid, towering
10. **Skirmish**- Noun- (Military) a fight between small bodies of troops; any brisk conflict or encounter: She had a skirmish with her landlord about the rent. Synonyms- battle, conflict, dispute, scuffle, quarrel
11. **Wane**- Verb- to decrease in strength, intensity, etc.: Daylight waned, and night came on. Her enthusiasm for the party is waning; to draw to a close; approach an end: Summer is waning. Noun- the waning of the moon; a defect in a plank or board characterized by bark or insufficient wood at a corner or along an edge, due to the curvature of the log. Synonyms- ebb, fade, shrink, decline
12. **Unruly**- Adj- not submissive or conforming to rule; ungovernable; turbulent; intractable; refractory; lawless: an unruly class; an unruly wilderness. Synonyms- disorderly, quarrelsome, mean, rebellious, out of line
13. **Swarm**- Noun- a body of honeybees that emigrate from a hive and fly off together, accompanied by a queen, to start a new colony; a great number of things or persons, especially in motion. Verb- to congregate, hover, or occur in groups; be

exceedingly numerous: The beach swarms with children on summer weekends.

Synonyms- flock, herd, mob, crowd, multitude, push

14. **Rustle**- Verb- to move, proceed, or work energetically: Rustle around and see what you can find. to move, bring, or get by energetic action: I'll go rustle some supper; to steal (livestock, especially cattle). Noun- the sound made by anything that rustles: the rustle of leaves. Synonyms- patter, stir, quick action
15. **Sassy**- Adj- impertinent; insolent: a sassy reply; a sassy teen; boldly smart: a sassy red handbag. Synonyms- disrespectful, rude, bold
16. **Pauper**- Noun- a very poor person. Synonyms- bankrupt, dependent
17. **Bombard**- Verb- to attack or batter with artillery fire; to assail vigorously: to bombard the speaker with questions. Synonyms- batter, blast, strike, hound, pester
18. **Massive**- Adj- consisting of or forming a large mass; bulky and heavy: massive columns; large and heavy-looking: massive shoulders; large in scale, amount, or degree: a massive breakdown in communications. Synonyms- gigantic, bulky, mighty, impressive, large
19. **Abundance**- Noun- extremely plentiful or over sufficient quantity or supply: an abundance of grain; overflowing fullness: abundance of the heart. Synonyms- plenty, wealth, fortune, thriving, riches
20. **Devour**- Verb- to swallow or eat up hungrily, voraciously, or ravenously. She devoured the sandwich in two bites; to consume destructively, recklessly, or wantonly: Fire devoured the old museum. to take in greedily with the senses or intellect: to devour the books in the series; to absorb or engross wholly: a mind devoured by fears. Synonyms- gobble, cram, delight in, gloat over
21. **Affluent**- Adj- having an abundance of wealth, property, or other material goods; prosperous; rich: an affluent person; flowing freely: an affluent fountain; Noun- a tributary stream; an wealthy person: a luxurious resort appealing to young affluents. Synonyms- rich, abundant, plentiful
22. **Barrage**- Noun- (Military) a heavy barrier of artillery fire to protect one's own advancing or retreating troops or to stop the advance of enemy; an overwhelming quantity or explosion, as of words,, or criticisms: a barrage of questions. Synonyms- blast, storm, bombard
23. **Hoard**- Noun- a supply or accumulation that is hidden or carefully guarded for preservation, future use, etc.: a vast hoard of silver. Verb- to accumulate for preservation, future use, etc., in a hidden or carefully guarded place: to hoard food during a shortage. Synonyms- supply, stockpile, stash, collect, store
24. **Rowdy**- Adj- rough and disorderly: rowdy behavior at school. Synonyms- rambunctious, wild, loudmouthed, troublemaker (noun)
25. **Poverty**- Noun- the state or condition of having little or no money, goods, or means of support; Georgina was living in poverty; condition of being poor; deficiency of necessary or desirable ingredients, qualities, etc.: poverty of the soil. Synonyms- hardship, shortage, pauperism, shortage, bankruptcy

