

Word of the Week

SFJH 2nd Semester

Please post the Word of the Week prominently in your classroom, and find a way to use it in your instruction sometime during the week in every class. The Tier 1 Instruction Team will provide a copy of each word in your mailbox before the end of the previous week. Thank you for helping build our students vocabulary.

Teacher in Charge	DATE	WORD	DEFINITION, WORD IN CONTEXT, SYNONYM(S)
Jonathan	January 16-19	bantering (adj.)	cleverly amusing in tone; to speak or address in a clever or teasing manner *He's much better at comedy, and the humorous banter between him and his costars has a nice zing to it. *syn.: jest, quip
Jonathan	January 22-26	iota (n.)	a tiny or scarcely detectable amount *There's not an iota of doubt about the defendant's guilt. *syn.: modicum, minute
Jonathan	January 29- Feb. 2	optimal (adj.)	best; most effective; most desirable or satisfactory *He keeps his engine tuned for optimal performance. *syn.: superlative, unsurpassed
Rillene	February 5-9	erroneous (adj.)	containing an error; incorrect *Blaine received erroneous information and was the only one wearing a costume. *syn.: mistaken, inaccurate
Rillene	February 12-16	scathing (adj.)	bitterly severe; harshly critical *The cruel girls shouted scathing insults at each other. *syn.: caustic, cutting, acerbic
Rillene	February 20-23	fabricate (v.)	to create or make something up; to lie *Mark has a list of excuses he fabricated to explain late homework. *syn.: create; prevaricate; equivocate; palter
Jen	Feb. 26 – March 1	malevolent (adj.)	showing ill will; evil; spiteful *There was a malevolent force in the haunted house. *syn.: malicious, spiteful, vicious, virulent
Jen	March 4-8	havoc (n.)	great destruction or devastation; confusion and disorder *The tornado wreaked havoc on the town, leaving rubble where houses once stood. *syn.: ruin, chaos, disarray
Jen	March 11-15	flippant (adj.)	frivolously disrespectful; lacking proper respect or seriousness *Sandy's flippant comments covered up her disappointment in losing her race. *syn.: glib, irreverent

Kelliann	March 18-22	uniformity (adj.)	the state of being the same or homogenous *School dress codes are meant to encourage uniformity . *syn.: similarity, equality
Kelliann	March 25-29	copious (adj.)	large in quantity or number *June took copious notes in preparation for the test. *syn.: plentiful, abundant, profuse, ample
	April 1-5		Spring Break
Chaleesa	April 8-12	evasive (adj.)	intentionally vague or ambiguous *You can always tell when Tony is lying; his answers become evasive and shifty. *syn.: equivocal; indefinite
Chaleesa	April 15-19	benign (adj.)	having a kind disposition *The old man's benign manner was masked by his creepy appearance. *syn.: gracious, caring
Kathy	April 22-26	demeanor (n.)	conduct, behavior *Walt's calm demeanor puts everyone at ease. *syn.: attitude, poise, deportment
Kathy	April 29 – May 3	tentative (adj.)	not definite or positive; uncertain or hesitant; subject to change *Pat's tentative handshake makes him seem unsure. *syn.: timid, irresolute, conditional
Chris	May 6-10	unparalleled (adj.)	unequaled or unmatched *Phillip's skill on the tightrope is unparalleled by other performers. *syn.: matchless, peerless, unsurpassed
Chris	May 13-17	squander (v.)	to spend or use wastefully; to lose through negligence or inaction *Danny squanders every penny he earns, and so has no retirement savings. *syn.: waste, misuse
Tiana	May 20-23	evoke (v.)	to call up or produce *Disco music evokes memories of polyester leisure suits. *syn.: elicit; suggest
	Optional	savory (adj.)	delicious and tasty; possessing an appetizing smell or taste; salty or spicy rather than sweet *I could not stop eating the savory soup. *syn.: piquant, delectable, aromatic
	Optional	peruse (v.) This word is a contronym: it has two meanings that are opposites.	to read thoroughly or carefully *She leaned forward to peruse the document more closely. *syn.: scrutinize to read in a relaxed manner *As soon as they were seated, Cynthia perused the menu quickly and ordered her favorite burger. *syn.: scan
	Optional	fallacy (n.)	a mistaken belief, especially one based on unsound argument; a misleading or false notion or belief *It's a fallacy to suppose that wealth brings happiness.

			*syn.: misconception, delusion
	Optional	corroborate (v.)	confirm or give support to; verify *We now have new data that corroborates the theory of how the disease spread. *syn.: authenticate, validate, substantiate