

VOcabULARY BUILDER

workbook

Build your students' vocabulary to be **college- and workforce-ready** with 180 high-frequency words, quick and powerful activities, and review quizzes.

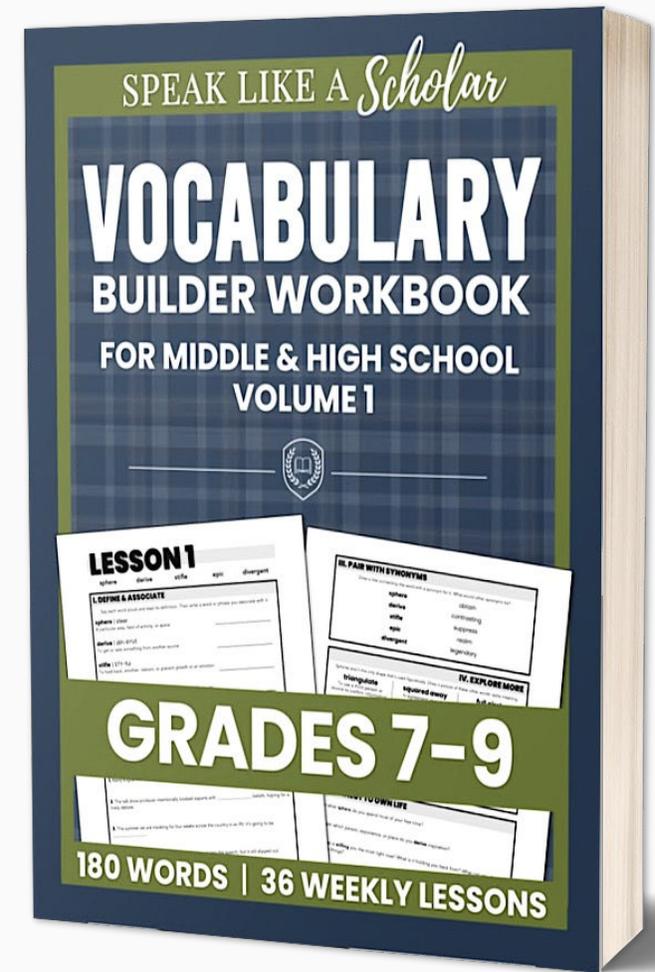
WHAT'S INCLUDED

36 Weekly Lessons teaching five high-frequency academic words perfect for **grades 7, 8, 9**

Review Quizzes every 6 weeks to check learning progress and growth

Science-backed activities to make their meanings stick and create confidence in using them

Reflection questions that connect words to one's own life and the real world



LEARN 5 NEW WORDS

each week

LESSON 1

sphere derive stifle epic divergent

I. DEFINE & ASSOCIATE

Say each word aloud and read its definition. Then write a word or phrase you associate with it.

sphere | sfere

A particular area, field of activity, or space.

derive | dih-RYVE

To get or take something from another source.

stifle | STY-ful

To hold back, smother, restrain, or prevent growth or an emotion.

epic | EH-pick

Something very grand, exciting, or impressive. Originally, it was a long heroic story or poem.

divergent | dye-VER-jent

Tending to be different or going in different directions.

II. FILL IN THE BLANK

Write in which of the five words best fits the sentence. Then, write another original sentence using that same word below or say it out loud.

1. Many English words _____ from Latin or Greek roots.
2. The talk show producer intentionally booked experts with _____ beliefs, hoping for a lively debate.
3. This summer we are traveling for four weeks across the country in an RV; it's going to be _____.
4. Hannah tried to _____ her laughter during the speech, but it still slipped out.
5. With his growing podcast, Jason was really getting a name for himself in the _____ of Gen Z personal finance.

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#1: Familiarize with words and create an initial association

#2: Practice using words in teen-friendly sample sentences.

#3: Pair with synonyms or antonyms and think of additional ones

#4: Dive deeper with one word, exploring its origins, common mix-ups, connotations, and special use cases

#5: Connect words to own life or the real-world with reflection questions

III. PAIR WITH SYNONYMS

Draw a line connecting the word with a synonym for it. What would other synonyms be?

sphere	obtain
derive	contrasting
stifle	suppress
epic	realm
divergent	legendary

IV. EXPLORE MORE

Spheres aren't the only shape that's used figuratively. Draw a picture of these other words' extra meaning.

triangulate

To use a third person or source to confirm information.

squared away

In agreement or order, completed.

full circle

To return to the beginning, usually in a way that brings closure.

V. CONNECT TO OWN LIFE

1. In what **sphere** do you spend most of your free time?
2. From which person, experience, or place do you **derive** inspiration?
3. What is **stifling** you the most right now? What is it holding you back from? What can you do to change things?
4. What's the most **epic** experience you've been through or trip you've taken? Why was it so impressive?
5. When was a time when you had **divergent** opinions with someone else? How did it go? What did you learn from the situation?

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

included

FOUND IN REAL LIFE

Whenever you see or hear a word used in real life, check it off here. What could you read, watch, or listen to to increase your chances of encountering more? Create a challenge to see how many you can find by the time you finish this workbook.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Pollyanna | LESSON 26
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| LESSON 6
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Checklist of all 180 words to look for them in the real world

Quizzes every 6 lessons to check learning progress



LESSONS 19-24 REVIEW

Match the words with their definitions.

construe rancorous posit zenith Pollyanna bespoke allusion frivolous amplify blatant latitude homage abridge tedious jovial genesis abstain convergence precipice immortalize degradation posthumous embroil levity renaissance perpetual ambivalent notorious forte precarious

- Happening or received after a person has died. _____
- The beginning, origin, or starting point of something. _____
- To preserve someone or something in memory forever, often through art, writing, or fame. _____
- Full of bitterness, deep resentment, or long-lasting anger. _____
- To interpret or understand the meaning of something, especially words or actions. _____
- The process of something being worn down, weakened, or made worse over time; also, the lowering of respect. _____
- To suggest or put forward an idea as a possible explanation. _____
- Independence or flexibility to make choices. _____
- Famous for something negative or bad. _____
- Very obvious and done without trying to hide it. _____
- Lightness or humor, especially during a serious situation. _____
- Long, boring, and monotonous. _____
- Special honor or respect shown to someone or something. _____
- Not secure; risky or unstable, where things could easily go wrong. _____
- A reference to something well-known, like a book, movie, event, or person, without directly saying it. _____

GET THE WHOLE

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