
Middle School Words: Word/Explanation for Grade 7 (List 2)

bestow: v. give as gift; present

biennial: a. every two years; lasting or living for two years

bizarre: a. fantastic; violently contrasting; strangely unconventional in style or appearance

boggle: v. hesitate as if in fear or doubt; shy away or be overcome with fright or astonishment

bore: v. drill; make a hole in or through, with or as if with a drill

breadth: n. measure or dimension from side to side; width; extent

brittle: a. easily broken; having little elasticity

burrow: n. tunnel; hole in the ground made by an animal for shelter; dig; move through by or as by digging

business: n. rightful concern or responsibility; occupation, work, or trade in which a person is engaged; commercial enterprise

caldron: n. large kettle or boiler of copper, brass, or iron

canary: n. pale yellowish color; wine made in the Canary Islands; canary bird; quick and lively dance

capital: n. wealth in form of money or property; assets available for use; city that is the official seat of government

career: n. profession or occupation; individual's work and life roles over their lifespan

cataclysm: n. an event resulting in great loss and misfortune; deluge or overflowing of water

catastrophe: n. calamity; disaster; state of extreme ruin and misfortune