
Middle School Words: Word/Explanation for Grade 8 (List 8)

speculate: v. assume to be true without conclusive evidence; engage in buying or selling of a commodity for profit

spendthrift: n. one who spends money recklessly or wastefully

sporadic: a. occurring at irregular intervals; having no pattern or order in time

spurn: v. reject disdainfully or contemptuously; scorn

squalor: n. filthy and wretched condition or quality; dirty or neglected state

stamina: n. physical or moral strength to resist or withstand illness; enduring strength and energy

stately: a. majestic; impressive, as in size or proportions

steadfast: a. firmly or constant loyal; fixed or unchanging

stint: n. length of time spent in particular way; allotted amount; limitation or restriction; fixed amount of work allotted

stipulate: v. specify or arrange in agreement; express demand in agreement; promise in agreement

strident: a. loud and harsh; insistent; high-pitched; rough-sounding

stupendous: a. astonishing; wonderful; amazing, especially, astonishing in magnitude or elevation

stymie: v. present obstacle; stump; cause to fail or to leave hopelessly puzzled, confused, or stuck

subjective: a. occurring or taking place in person's mind rather than external world; unreal

sublime: a. of high spiritual, moral, or intellectual worth; characterized by nobility; majestic