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

superfluous: a. being beyond what is required or sufficient

supernatural: a. not existing in nature or explanation according to natural laws

supersede: v. be placed in or take the room of; replace; make obsolete; make void or useless by superior power

surmise: v. guess; infer something without sufficiently conclusive evidence

surpass: v. be or go beyond, as in degree or quality; exceed

surveillance: n. watching; inspection; close observation of a person or group; supervision

sustenance: n. act of sustaining; something, especially food, that sustains life or health

synonymous: a. having the same or a similar meaning; identical; equivalent

tacit: a. indicated or understood without expressed directly; not speaking; silent

tedious: a. tiresome by reason of length, slowness, or dullness; progressing very slowly

teem: v. be abuzz; be full of; move in large numbers

terrestrial: a. earthly, as opposed to celestial; pertaining to the land

tether: v. tie with rope; fasten or restrict with rope or chain

theme: n. subject of conversation or discussion; topic; essay

thesaurus: n. book of synonyms, often including related and contrasting words and antonyms