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

unseemly: a. grossly improper; indecent; in poor taste

untenable: a. indefensible; not able to be maintained

uproot: v. pull up; displace; destroy completely, as if down to the roots; eradicate

vaudeville: n. a variety show with songs and comic acts etc.

veer: v. shift to clockwise direction; turn sharply; change direction abruptly

vie: v. strive for victory or superiority; contend; compete

vindication: n. act of vindicating, or state of being vindicated; defense; evidence or statements that justify a claim or belief

vivacious: a. animated; lively; vigorous and active

vocation: n. a person's employment or main occupation; career or profession

voluminous: a. large in volume or bulk; large in number or quantity, especially of discourse

voracious: a. ravenous; excessively greedy and grasping; devouring or craving food in great quantities

wage: v. hazard on the event of a contest; stake; engage in, as a contest; adventure, or lay out, for hire or reward; hire; employ

wheedle: v. cajole; coax; deceive by flattery

wrangle: n. angry dispute; noisy quarrel; altercation

zephyr: n. gentle breeze; west wind; any of various soft light fabrics, yarns, or garments