

Daily Skill Building: Vocabulary Placement

One of the strengths of homeschooling is being able to design lessons based upon your child's needs rather than being locked into a specific grade level.

The grade levels indicated on the cover of our *Daily Skill Building Series* are for general reference only.

You can use these placement tests to decide which level of *Daily Skill Building: Vocabulary* to begin using with your child. (The *Spelling Companion* uses the same words presented in the *Vocabulary* volume and adds synonyms and antonyms.)

PLEASE NOTE: It is fine to begin with a grade level that includes some words that your child already knows. Often, students are familiar with words—but cannot explain what they mean. Learning proper definitions is an important part of developing communication skills. They will expand their word knowledge further when they learn synonyms and antonyms as well.

Daily Skill Building: Vocabulary 1st Grade

Highlight or circle the definition that fits each word.

batch

a group or collection produced at the same time

a steep rock face

sneaky or cunning

heap

thankful

dirty

an untidy pile

drenched

priced reasonably

thoroughly wet

to avoid by a sudden, quick movement

exhausted

happening quickly

extremely tired; worn out

recently made or harvested

splendid

magnificent or grand; excellent

shy; reluctant to draw attention to oneself

protected from danger

Daily Skill Building: Vocabulary 2nd Grade

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snare

near or close to

an open area of land

a trap, often a noose, for catching birds or small animals; to trap

curious

eager to know or learn

tear down

more than enough

decay

to become decomposed; rot

scare

sad because one is alone

nibble

the lowest part or bottom of something

to take small bites

on guard against danger; cautious

strand

to observe or become aware of

to leave in a helpless position; to abandon

to gather together; assemble

Daily Skill Building: Vocabulary 3rd Grade

Highlight or circle the definition that fits each word.

shirk

spoiled; no longer good or healthy

neglect

quickly and eagerly consume

peril

danger or the threat of danger

to work to achieve a result

persistent and unchanging

vacant

bother someone or something repeatedly and without stopping

to sense the presence of

having no contents; empty; void

typical

characteristic or distinctive

to identify as something or someone previously seen, known, etc.; realize

something that is advantageous or good; a payment or gift

valiant

lacking social graces or manners

boldly courageous; brave; stout-hearted; worthy; excellent

free from error or defect; precise; exact

Daily Skill Building: Vocabulary 4th Grade

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concur

to argue over the terms of a purchase or agreement

to agree

unfriendly

legibly

able to be read or interpreted

heavy, difficult breathing

at risk for harm

exert

to pledge; devote

able to move easily and gracefully

to expend physical or mental effort

hoax

regret; guilt

a joke, prank, or something that is false

overwhelm with fear

diminish

to decrease in number

to demand something

to grasp or to take control of

Daily Skill Building: Vocabulary 5th Grade

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retaliate

in keeping with the latest trends

strangely abnormal and unexpected

to pay back harm with harm

inept

clumsy; without skill

break or rest from something that is challenging or tedious

motivates a desired action

optimistic

isolated or alone

hopeful; looking toward a good future

great; large

gaudy

tasteless; overdone; flashy to the extreme

polite; considerate

highly intelligent

chagrin

possessing all possible knowledge

moving from one place to another

being upset or embarrassed by an unexpected turn of events

Daily Skill Building: Vocabulary 6th Grade

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multiplicity

innocent and honest; simple and potentially unwise

numerous amount

slanted or twisted

vacillate

rough or annoying

given at great cost

to waver or falter

negligent

a failure to properly care for

able to be predicted

wanted or able to meet a need

nonchalance

creating or building something

without concern

rigidly holding to standards or rules

superficial

meets the stated needs

questioning; inclined to investigate

on the surface; without depth

Daily Skill Building: Vocabulary 7th Grade

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patronize

spirit of friendship and mutual affection

to slyly hint or suggest (usually something negative)

treat as inferior

acquiesce

experienced or skillful person in a particular area

accede; consent

open-ended; freedom without guidelines

agrarian

free of charge

obliterate; to destroy entirely so that nothing remains

related to agriculture

minutiae

tiny details

lies meant to hurt another person's reputation

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