



# Word Building List

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Category	Sub-category	Word	Context Sentence
Grade 3 Core	Suffix - ies	fairy	A fairy with silver wings held a magic wand.
Grade 3 Core	Suffix - ies	fairies	Elves, pixies and fairies are creatures of folk tales.
Grade 3 Core	Suffix - ed	start	The car would not start on the cold day.
Grade 3 Core	Suffix - ed	started	The teacher said, "Ready! Set! Go!", and the race started.
Grade 3 Core	Suffix - ing	sail	The ship will sail across the ocean.
Grade 3 Core	Suffix - ing	sailing	Let's go sailing in the yacht race.
Grade 3 Core	Suffix - ful	help	Can you help me?
Grade 3 Core	Suffix - ful	helpful	I like to be helpful and carry the shopping for mum.
Grade 3 Core	Prefix - un	able	The boys were able to help.
Grade 3 Core	Prefix - un	unable	Even though the emu is a bird, it is unable to fly.
Grade 3 Core	Prefix - fore	arm	I broke a bone in my arm.
Grade 3 Core	Prefix - fore	forearm	The tattoo on his forearm was hidden by his sleeve.
Grade 4 Core	Suffix - ness	great	Ice cream is great to eat on hot days.
Grade 4 Core	Suffix - ness	greatness	Her greatness as a leader was proven time and time again.
Grade 4 Core	Suffix - ment	move	Please move over so we can all sit down.
Grade 4 Core	Suffix - ment	movement	The furious movement on stage created a sense of tension.
Grade 4 Core	Suffix - able	approach	To approach too closely to a wild animal is unwise.
Grade 4 Core	Suffix - able	approachable	We felt we could talk to him because he was always approachable.
Grade 4 Core	Suffix - able	favour	I'll do any favour to help my friend.
Grade 4 Core	Suffix - able	favourable	It was a relief to hear that my test results were favourable.
Grade 4 Core	Prefix - dis	appear	A ghost may appear if you stand very still and wait.
Grade 4 Core	Prefix - dis	disappear	The sun will disappear tonight and appear again at dawn.
Grade 4 Core	Prefix - dis	honest	The honest child handed in the money she had found.
Grade 4 Core	Prefix - dis	dishonest	When you tell a lie you are being dishonest.
Grade 4 Core	Prefix - mis	treat	Dad bought us chocolates as a special treat.
Grade 4 Core	Prefix - mis	mistreat	People who mistreat animals should not own pets.
Grade 4 Core	Prefix - mis	place	This looks like a good place to have our picnic.
Grade 4 Core	Prefix - mis	misplace	Will you help me find my glasses if I misplace them?
Grade 4 Extra	Suffix - some	trouble	He was in big trouble when he was caught stealing.
Grade 4 Extra	Suffix - some	troublesome	His interruptions were troublesome and annoying.
Grade 5 Core	Suffix - ed - ment	argue	Don't argue, just do as you are told.
Grade 5 Core	Suffix - ed - ment	argued	You have argued your case convincingly.
Grade 5 Core	Suffix - ed - ment	argument	His argument gave us no new reasons to accept his viewpoint.
Grade 5 Core	Suffix - er - est	light	If you turn on a light at night you will be able to see.
Grade 5 Core	Suffix - er - est	lighter	The children carried a lighter load than ours.
Grade 5 Core	Suffix - er - est	lightest	Grandfather is not strong and can only lift the lightest objects.
Grade 5 Core	Suffix - ful - ly	power	Superman had the power to lift heavy objects.
Grade 5 Core	Suffix - ful - ly	powerful	Weightlifters require powerful muscles to be competitive.
Grade 5 Core	Suffix - ful - ly	powerfully	He struck the ball powerfully and sent it flying.
Grade 5 Core	Suffix - ous	courage	It takes great courage to resist peer pressure.
Grade 5 Core	Suffix - ous	courageous	He is very courageous because he never runs away from danger.
Grade 5 Core	Suffix - ation	prepare	Will you prepare a speech for the school concert?
Grade 5 Core	Suffix - ation	preparation	The preparation for the party was a lot of fun.
Grade 5 Core	Suffix - ation	imitate	To improve your own art imitate the work of the masters.
Grade 5 Core	Suffix - ation	imitation	This is a fake, imitation diamond and not the real thing.
Grade 5 Core	Prefix - mis	trust	I trust my Mum and Dad because they love me.
Grade 5 Core	Prefix - mis	mistrust	I mistrust people who pretend to know everything.
Grade 5 Core	Prefix - mis	understand	Let me explain it again to make sure you understand.
Grade 5 Core	Prefix - mis	misunderstand	If you think you misunderstand anything, ask for more advice.

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Grade 5 Extra	Prefix - under	ground	The ground was very wet and muddy after the rain.
Grade 5 Extra	Prefix - under	underground	Wombats, like rabbits, live in underground burrows.
Grade 5 Extra	Prefix - under	privileged	I felt privileged to have known such a great man.
Grade 5 Extra	Prefix - under	underprivileged	People in underprivileged countries are struggling to survive.
Grade 6 Core	Suffix - ful	suspense	The story held me in suspense and I wanted to know the ending.
Grade 6 Core	Suffix - ful	suspenseful	We hung on every word of his suspenseful story.
Grade 6 Core	Suffix - ful	delight	To her great delight Kim was picked for the team.
Grade 6 Core	Suffix - ful	delightful	We enjoy your delightful company so please, come again soon.
Grade 6 Core	Suffix - ous	harmony	The tenors sang in beautiful, three-part harmony.
Grade 6 Core	Suffix - ous	harmonious	Their voices blended to make a harmonious sound.
Grade 6 Core	Suffix - ous	advantage	One advantage in being small is that you can hide easily.
Grade 6 Core	Suffix - ous	advantageous	You may find it advantageous to listen to an elder's advice.
Grade 6 Core	Suffix - ion	exhibit	Jill's best painting was shown to the public in an exhibit.
Grade 6 Core	Suffix - ion	exhibition	The exhibition at the art museum looked very interesting.
Grade 6 Core	Suffix - ion	interrupt	It is rude to interrupt people when they are speaking.
Grade 6 Core	Suffix - ion	interruption	The interruption annoyed the teacher.
Grade 6 Core	Prefix - pre	arrange	She took great care to arrange the flowers in the vase.
Grade 6 Core	Prefix - pre	prearrange	In some countries a family may prearrange a daughter's marriage.
Grade 6 Core	Prefix - pre	historic	D-day is an historic event in the annals of modern warfare.
Grade 6 Core	Prefix - pre	prehistoric	The dinosaur is a prehistoric animal.
Grade 6 Core	Prefix - im	patient	Her mother was very patient and didn't get cross with her.
Grade 6 Core	Prefix - im	impatient	It is hard to wait a long time without growing impatient.
Grade 6 Core	Prefix - im	balance	We need to add another weight to balance the scales.
Grade 6 Core	Prefix - im	imbalance	The imbalance was overcome when the teams were equally matched.
Grade 7 Core	Suffix - ed, ing	commit	If you commit yourself I expect you to stick with the job.
Grade 7 Core	Suffix - ed, ing	committed	If you're committed to the team you'll turn up for practice.
Grade 7 Core	Suffix - ed, ing	committing	I am committing myself to study at least three hours every day.
Grade 7 Core	Suffix - ly, ily	frequent	This train makes frequent stops and is very slow.
Grade 7 Core	Suffix - ly, ily	frequently	I visit my grandmother frequently, at least once a week.
Grade 7 Core	Suffix - ly, ily	anxious	We were anxious to learn the results of the test.
Grade 7 Core	Suffix - ly, ily	anxiously	They paced about anxiously because they were too nervous to sit.
Grade 7 Extra	Suffix - ism	professional	He is a professional tennis player and plays for money.
Grade 7 Extra	Suffix - ism	professionalism	His professionalism and competent manner reassured us.
Grade 7 Extra	Suffix - ism	individual	Each individual has been given his own chair.
Grade 7 Extra	Suffix - ism	individualism	His extreme individualism made him very selfish.
Grade 7 Extra	Prefix - ante	natal	This Tuesday is my natal day; that is, my birthday!
Grade 7 Extra	Prefix - ante	antenatal	My wife and I attended antenatal classes before she gave birth.
Grade 7 Extra	Prefix - ante	room	Dad works in a room at home.
Grade 7 Extra	Prefix - ante	antedate	It is likely my brother's death will antedate mine as he is older.
Grade 7 Extra	Prefix - hecto	graph	We drew a graph to show cold and hot days.
Grade 7 Extra	Prefix - hecto	hectograph	I have a hectograph that allows me to make multiple copies.
Grade 7 Extra	Prefix - hecto	pascal	Blaise Pascal invented a method of measuring a unit of pressure.
Grade 7 Extra	Prefix - hecto	hectopascal	The hectopascal scale is used in measurements of pressure.
Grade 7 Extra	Prefix - circum	navigate	We have to navigate the course using only the map and a compass.
Grade 7 Extra	Prefix - circum	circumnavigate	Magellan was the first explorer to circumnavigate the world.
Grade 7 Extra	Prefix - circum	fluent	Very quickly, the German boy became a fluent speaker of English.
Grade 7 Extra	Prefix - circum	circumfluent	The moat flowed around the castle in a circumfluent stream.