

9° GRADE VOCABULARY

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This is the meaning of the word, contextualized meaning or synonym list down which the student will listen to in case of any contestant asks for it.

	WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
1	identity	Your identity is all the things that make you different from other people.	Your friends, family and beliefs all make up your identity
2	personality	The qualities that influence your behaviour make up your personality.	Your personality has positive and negative qualities
3	enthusiastic	greatly interested in or deeply involved	Enthusiastic people are excited to do something
4	outgoing	Someone who is outgoing enjoys being with others and is always happy to meet new people.	Outgoing people are very friendly
5	self-confident	If you are self-confident, you believe in your own abilities	Self-confident people are sure of themselves
6	organized	If you are organized, you keep your plans, things and ideas in order.	Organised people plan carefully
7	responsible	If someone is responsible, you can depend on them.	Responsible people do their duty.
8	energetic	Someone who is energetic is very active and does not get tired easily.	I wish I were as energetic as you are in the morning!
9	optimistic	Someone who is optimistic expects that good things are going to happen	Optimistic people hope that everything will be a success
10	generous	Someone who is generous is always happy to share their things or their time	Generous people share with others
11	patient	Someone who is patient does not get upset when things go wrong or take a long time.	Patient people stay calm when something takes a long time
12	Ambitious	Someone who is ambitious works hard to reach a goal	Ambitious people set high goals for themselves
13	shy	Someone who is shy finds it difficult to meet new people or talk in groups	Shy people feel uncomfortable around people they don't know well
14	fair	Fair people treat everyone equally	I didn't think that my teacher was being very fair when she punished me
15	odd	Something that is odd is unexpected, surprising or different from other things	Odd things may seem weird or strange
16	self-conscious	If someone is self-conscious they worry too much about what others think of them	Self-conscious people think others are judging them
17	stubborn	Someone who is stubborn will not give up thinking or believing something, even if it's wrong	Stubborn people don't change their minds very often
18	competitive	If you are competitive, you always try hard to win	The teens in the contest were very competitive
19	co-operative	Co-operative people work together to reach a goal	Everyone on the team was very co-operative and worked well together
20	jealous	People feel jealous when someone else has what they want.	I was so jealous that she won the prize! I wanted to win it
21	helpful	Helpful people do things for other people	My parents have been very helpful as I get used to my new school.
22	open-minded	Someone who is open-minded respects different people and different points of view	Open-minded people are willing to listen to others' ideas

23	bossy	Bossy people like to tell other people what to do.	Although she was being very bossy, she did get everyone to finish their work
24	ignore	When people ignore someone or something, they don't pay attention to that person or thing	Several of the students were ignoring the teacher's lesson
25	perfectionist	Someone who wants everything to be just right is called a perfectionist.	Lee is such a perfectionist. It takes him forever to complete a task!
26	selfish	Selfish people care more about themselves than other people	The child was being selfish and refusing to share her toys
27	spoilt	Someone who is spoilt expects to always get their way.	Spoilt children get whatever they want from their parents
28	environment	The external factors and forces surrounding and affecting an organism, person, or population	Sharks have adapted to their environment.
29	obsessed	to think about something without stopping	He obsessed about his old girlfriend for years
30	slimy	If something is slimy, its covered with a thick, wet, unpleasant liquid.	Many people think snakes are slimy.
31	disgusting	Something that is disgusting is so unpleasant that you don't want to be near it.	Many people think that insects are disgusting
32	aggressive	When someone is aggressive they are ready to be forceful or even fight to get what they want	Aggressive people act in a violent way
33	poisonous	A poisonous plant, animal or substance can cause illness or death	Some spiders and frogs can hurt people because they're poisonous.
34	pest	A pest is an animal or insect that does damage, especially in a garden or a home	Pests, such as small animals and insects, can cause damage
35	filthy	Something that is filthy is very dirty	People think that cockroaches are filthy animals.
36	decay	When something decays, such as food or a dead creature it begins to rot.	Most fruits and vegetables start to decay after a week.
37	germ	Germs are tiny organisms that can be harmful to humans or animals.	Dirty litter bins are full of germs.
38	lick	To lick something is to touch it with your tongue	Vampire bats lick blood with their tongues
39	destroy	To destroy something is to ruin it, kill it or break it apart so that it no longer functions or exists	Gardeners usually get upset when insects destroy their plants.
40	sting	Insects that sting have a sharp body part that they push into your skin	Bees and wasps sometimes sting to protect themselves
41	ecosystem	The animals and plants in an area make up an ecosystem	Removing a plant or animal from an ecosystem can upset its balance
42	beneficial	Something that is beneficial is helpful; it brings something good to someone	Misunderstood animals can be beneficial to humans
43	misconception	A misconception is something that many people believe, even though it isn't true	It's a misconception that bats can't see
44	misunderstood	When someone or something is misunderstood, people have a false idea about them	Animals such as snakes and spiders are misunderstood
45	scared of	People who are scared of something feel afraid of that thing	If you're scared of the dark, you can use a night light
46	bite	When an insect or animal bites, it uses its mouth or teeth to cause injury	Both snakes and spiders can bite
47	upset	When someone is upset, they are angry or sad.	Many people get upset when they see a spider
48	fang	Fangs are long, sharp teeth that some animals use for biting	Both vampire bats and fruit bats have fangs
49	lethal	If something is lethal, it can cause death	Lethal bites from snakes and spiders require fast medical attention
50	suck	When you suck something, you pull it into your mouth	Some people believe that vampires suck blood
51	barely	only just; scarcely; no more than; almost not	He had barely enough money to pay for the car
52	embarrassed	to cause confusion and shame to; make uncomfortably self-conscious; disconcert;	His bad table manners embarrassed her

53	leash	control; restraint	to keep one's temper in leash
54	migrate	Animals that migrate travel to different regions of the Earth	The best time to see birds migrate is in the spring and autumn
55	belong to	If you belong to a group, you are a member of it	Humans usually want to belong to a group
56	leader	A leader is the person in charge of a group or an organisation	Many groups choose a leader to be in charge
57	assume	To assume something is to think it is true, even if you haven't proven it.	Why do you assume that I ate the chocolate?
58	consensus	There is a consensus when a whole group agrees about something.	In a group consensus, members come together and agree on a decision
59	realize	When you realize something, you become aware of it	I just realized that I left the garage door open
60	efficient	When someone or something is efficient, they make things happen without wasted time or effort.	An efficient person is organised and doesn't waste time
61	migration	Migration is when animals move between different places at different times of year.	For many birds, migration takes place before winter
62	assemble	To assemble something is to put its parts together to form a whole	People decide when to assemble in groups
63	crowd	A crowd is a large group of people together in one place	There was a large crowd of people at the concert.
64	mimic	When you mimic what someone does, you copy it as accurately as you can	Animals can mimic each other's behaviour
65	remain	When someone or something remains, they stay in a certain place	Some animals remain with their groups for safety
66	flock	A flock is a group of birds, sheep or goats	A flock of starlings changes formation to confuse predators
67	herd	A herd is a group of large animals, such as cattle, elephants or deer	A herd of elephants is usually led by the oldest female
68	swarm	A swarm is a large group of insects gathered together	A swarm of insects can be frightening to many people
69	pack	A pack is a group of wild animals that live and hunt together, especially those of the dog family	I could hear a pack of wolves howling
70	flash mob	A flash mob is a group of people that forms suddenly in a public place to do something strange or silly	A flash mob started to dance in the middle of the mall
71	stand out	Someone or something that stands out is easy to notice because they are different from others	Most teens want to be part of a group, but also stand out at the same time
72	traffic jam	a number of vehicles so obstructed that they can scarcely move	There's a traffic jam 2 miles from here
73	lane	a part of a highway or road wide enough for one vehicle, often marked off by painted lines	She accelerated into the fast lane
74	photoshoot	a session in which a photographer takes pictures of someone for publication	She had a photoshoot session yesterday
75	creativity	Creativity is the ability to use your imagination to do or make interesting things	We can use clothing to show our creativity
76	trendy	When something is trendy it has recently become very popular	Many people prefer to wear trendy clothes that are in style
77	fit in	People who fit in have the same values, ideas, or look as the others around them	Most teens want to fit in with others at school
78	footprint	Your footprint is the negative environmental impact left behind by some of your activity	People can buy less to reduce their fashion footprint
79	synthetic	Something that is synthetic does not exist in nature and has to be made by some process	Synthetic materials don't come from plants or animals
80	manufacture	Manufacture is the process of making something in a factory	The manufacture of some clothing uses a lot of water and energy
81	psychological	Psychological means connected with your mind and feelings, rather than your body	We choose clothes for psychological reasons, such as feeling good and fitting in
82	factory	A factory is a place where people work with machines to make or build things	Jeans are made in factories

83	warehouse	A warehouse is a place for storing products before they go to shops or to buyers	Jeans are sent from the factory to a warehouse
84	retailer	A retailer is a shop where people go to buy items they want or need.	Retailers sell things to the final users, not to other shops
85	purchase	When you purchase something, you give money in exchange for it.	Most people purchase jeans at retailers
86	eco-friendly	An activity or product that is eco-friendly is not harmful to the environment	Natural materials are more ecofriendly than synthetic materials
87	entrepreneur	An entrepreneur is someone who starts their own business	Santana Draper is a young entrepreneur with his own business
88	give back	When you give back, you help others because you appreciate what they have done for you	Some people like to give back to the community when they have more than they need
89	profit	Profit is the money that a company keeps after it has paid all of its workers and all of its bills	She donates 10 to 20 per cent of her profits to charities
90	fur	The soft, thick, hairy coat of a mammal	Some squirrels have black fur
91	fake	Anything that misleads, deceives, cheats, or fools others by seeming to be what it is not	The diamond was a fake
92	cage	A boxlike enclosure with wires or bars forming the sides, for keeping birds or animals	A bird cage
93	pursue	To follow in order to overtake, capture, kill, etc.; chase	The army pursued the retreating enemy
94	euphemism	The substitution of a mild, indirect, or vague expression for one thought to be offensive, harsh, or blunt	“Senior citizen” is an euphemism for “Old person”.
95	surplus	An amount, quantity, etc., greater than needed	A surplus of oil
96	crop	The plant, or the product of a plant, produced while growing or when gathered	The winter wheat crop was the largest in years
97	flight	Flight happens when an animal or machine moves through the air	Flight developed first in insects
98	early	When talking about history or things in the past, early means a very long time ago	Early insects were the first animals to fly
99	evolve	When animals evolve, they change slowly over many generations in order to live better in their habitat	All species evolve over time
100	glide	To glide is to move along through the air without much effort	Many species developed the ability to glide
101	hollow	Something that is hollow is not solid in the middle; it has air or space inside	Birds have light, hollow bones that allow them to fly
102	soar	When an animal soars, it spreads its wings and lets the wind carry it	Large birds can soar when they spread their wings
103	weight	An object’s weight is how heavy it is	An animal’s weight can affect how it flies
104	wingspan	The wingspan of a plane or a bird is the distance from the tip of one wing to the other when the wings are spread open	The wingspan of the largest pterosaur was over ten metres
105	feature	A feature is a quality or characteristic of someone or something.	Ancient birds had some of the same features as dinosaurs
106	capability	When you have the capability to do something, you are able to do it	Bats are the only mammals with flight capability
107	support	To support something is to help it in some way	Insects’ wing structures support them when they fly
108	parachute	A parachute is piece of equipment with a large cloth used to slow down something that is falling from the sky	Skydivers use parachutes when they jump out of planes
109	stable	When something is stable, it is steady and is not easily disturbed by outside forces	A stable glider or aeroplane does not move from side to side as it flies
110	engine	An engine is the part of a machine that uses fuel to supply power	An engine is the part of a machine that uses fuel to supply power
111	fuel	Fuel is a substance such as gas or oil that is burnt to provide power	An aeroplane loses power when it runs out of fuel

112	take off	When a plane or rocket takes off, it leaves the ground and starts flying	You have to be seated before the plane will take off
113	advertisement	A paid notice or announcement, as of goods for sale, in newspapers or magazines, on radio or television, etc.	This news will receive wide advertisement
114	horsepower	Usable or effective power	A computer with a lot of horsepower
115	jetpack	A jet-powered backpack used by astronauts to move around in space away from a spacecraft	A man in jetpack flied across Sydney Harbour
116	argue	To present reasons for or against a thing	The lawyers argued the case
117	kite	A light frame of wood or plastic, covered with some thin material, as paper, cloth, or plastic, to be flown in the wind at the end of a long string.	There were a lot kites in the festival
118	satellite	A satellite is a machine sent into outer space to move around a planet or moon in order to get information about it	Satellites in outer space help us to learn more about the planets
119	atmosphere	The atmosphere of the Earth or another planet is the mixture of gases that surround it	Gases in the air make up the Earth's atmosphere
120	landscape	A landscape is all the features of land. For example, mountains and hills make up a landscape	The landscapes of Mars and Earth are similar in certain places
121	plain	A plain is a large, flat area of land	They own a farm on the eastern plains of Colorado
122	dust	Dust is tiny particles of soil and other substances that can fill the air	Wind blows sand and dirt to cause a dust storm
123	proof	Proof is evidence that something is true or that it exists	Scientists are looking for proof that life could exist on Mars
124	lead to	If one thing leads to another thing, the first thing is the reason that the second thing can happen	New technologies will lead to more discoveries on Mars
125	advance	An advance is an improvement or a move that makes something better than before	Technological advances have allowed scientists to study the landscape of Mars
126	requirement	A requirement is something you must have, or something that must be done	One of the requirements for life as we know it is water
127	geyser	A geyser is a hole in the ground that shoots out water and steam	Yellowstone National Park is famous for its geysers
128	hazy	When the air or the sky is hazy, it is not clear as a result of pollution, dust or smoke.	A hazy sky is darkened by clouds and dust
129	seasonal	Something that depends on the time of the year is seasonal	Seasonal changes include variations in temperature and the amount of sunlight
130	background	Your background is all the experience and education from your past that influences who you are	Astronauts need to have a strong background in maths and science
131	leadership	Leadership is the quality that some people have to be good leaders	A successful space mission takes patience and strong leadership
132	perseverance	Perseverance is the quality of being able to keep trying, even when a situation very difficult	If you have perseverance, you're determined to reach your goal
133	cutaway		
134	meaningful	When something is meaningful, it is very important or special to someone	This old photo of my grandparents is really meaningful to me
135	canvas	Canvas is a strong cloth that is often used for paintings	Canvas is stretched onto a frame and then stapled to hold it in place
136	witness	A witness is someone who sees something happen, such as a crime or important event.	After the event, witnesses talked about what they saw
137	portray	When someone portrays someone or something, they represent or describe it	This photograph portrays the love the family shared

138	anger	Anger is the bad feeling that comes from being mad or upset with someone or something	When you feel anger, you are upset
139	masterpiece	An artist's masterpiece is their most famous or important work of art.	Da Vinci's Mona Lisa is considered his masterpiece
140	sophisticated	Something that is sophisticated is advanced and complicated	Digital animation is much more sophisticated than traditional animation
141	luxury	A material object, service, etc., that brings physical comfort or rich living, but is not a necessity of life	Her house has a swimming pool, a tennis court, and other luxuries
142	commoner	A member of the class of people without a title of nobility	The king wouldn't let his daughter marry a commoner
143	entertainment	Entertainment is anything that people do to enjoy themselves	Music is a source of entertainment for many people
144	lyrics	Lyrics are the words in a song	Lots of websites have the lyrics to popular songs
145	performer	A performer is a singer, actor or musician who works in front of an audience	Who's your favourite performer?
146	beat	The beat is the repeating sound in a piece of music	The strong beats that DJs play keep everyone dancing
147	satisfaction	Satisfaction is the feeling you get when you have done a good job and you get good results	Doing your best brings a feeling of satisfaction
148	fame	Fame is the state of being well known by a great number of people	People upload videos to the Internet in search of fame
149	recognition	When you achieve recognition, you are known for something good you have done	Artists gain recognition when their songs are played on the radio
150	enjoyment	Enjoyment is the state of enjoying something, or feeling good about what is happening.	Listening to music is a form of enjoyment for most people.
151	symphony	A symphony is a long piece of music performed by an orchestra.	Horns, drums and string instruments can be heard in a symphony
152	choreographer	A choreographer plans and trains dancers to move to a piece of music	A choreographer leads dancers through their movements
153	rehearsal	A rehearsal is when a group of people practices something they will perform later.	All performers have many rehearsals before putting on a show
154	folk	Folk music, dancing and art are created by people in a culture to reflect its traditions and values	Folk dancing reflects the traditional life of a group of people
155	melt	When something melts, it goes from a solid form to a liquid form, like ice turning to water	Musicians must be careful that their ice instruments don't melt while they play them
156	orchestra	An orchestra is a group of many musicians playing different instruments	Some areas don't have enough musicians to form a full orchestra.
157	tribute	A tribute is some activity that is done to show appreciation or respect for someone or something	Musicians play ice instruments as a tribute to nature
158	sustainability	Sustainability is the ability to exist constantly, the process of people maintaining change in a balanced environment	In the 21st century, sustainability refers generally to the capacity for the biosphere and human civilisation to coexist
159	scratch	To damage or mark the surface of by scraping with something rough	The cat scratched at the door
160	spotlight	The area of public attention	Asia is in the spotlight now.
161	podcast	A program (as of music or talk) made available in digital format for automatic download over the Internet	The poetry podcast will be available next week.
162	lecture	a discourse given before an audience or class especially for instruction	She's planning to give a series of lectures on modern art
163	mash-up	A creative combination or mixing of content from different sources	He speaks a mash-up of Indian and Mexican.
164	judging	To hear evidence or legal arguments in (a case) in order to pass judgment; adjudicate	The Supreme Court is judging that case.
165	chill-out	To calm down	If you don't chill out, you're going to get an ulcer

166	xylophone	A musical instrument consisting of a series of wooden bars of different sizes, usually played by striking with small wooden hammers	I love to play my xylophone
167	snowmobile	A motor vehicle with a revolving tread in the rear and steerable skis in the front, for traveling over snow	You should take a snowmobile out to see the northern lights at night
168	juggle	To keep (several objects, as balls, knives, plates, etc.) in continuous motion in the air at the same time by tossing and catching	The clown learned how to juggle
169	puppeteer	A person who moves or handles puppets, as in a puppet show	John is a puppeteer
170	witness	A person who gives testimony, as in a court of law	A witness to the accident