

11+ WORD BANK

500 Words for the 11+

A reference word bank covering the vocabulary most frequently tested in 11+ comprehension and Verbal Reasoning papers — organised A to Z.

How to Use This Word Bank

Print this list and keep it in a folder near your child's homework space. When a new word appears in a book, lesson, or practice paper, find it on the list and tick it. By the time most of the words are ticked, your child will have met them in context — which is the strongest form of memory there is.

A

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|-------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| abandon | acquainted | ambition | argument |
| absence | acquire | ample | article |
| absurd | address | ancient | assemble |
| abundance | adhere | anxious | assistance |
| abundant | admission | apparent | attempt |
| accommodate | advance | appeal | available |
| accompany | affectionate | appearance | average |
| according | aggressive | applicable | avoid |
| accuse | alert | appreciate | avowed |
| accustomed | altitude | apprehensive | awkward |
| achieve | amateur | approve | |

B

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|-----------|-------------|------------|----------|
| banish | believe | betray | burden |
| bargain | belligerent | bewildered | business |
| barren | bemused | brief | |
| beautiful | benefit | Britain | |
| because | besieged | bruise | |

C

| | | | |
|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| caffeine | ceiling | coax | community |
| calamity | cemetery | college | companion |
| candidate | changeable | combination | competition |
| category | chaos | commence | completely |
| caution | charred | committee | complex |
| cease | coarse | communicate | composition |

comprehend
conceal
conceited
conceive
conclusion
condemn
confidential
confine
conscience
conscious
consent

conserve
consideration
consist
conspire
constant
consume
contemporary
contempt
content
contest
contract

contrast
contribute
controversy
convenience
conventional
convert
convey
convict
convince
correspond
coy

criticise
cultivate
cunning
curb
curiosity
curious
curt
custom

D

debate
debrief
deceit
declare
decline
definite
deliberate
demolished
deny
dependable
deposit

derelict
description
despair
desperately
destitute
determine
develop
devote
digest
dilapidated
diluted

disappear
disappointed
disarray
disastrous
disclose
discontent
dishevelled
dismal
disperse
dispute
distasteful

distinct
distinguished
distress
divine
domestic
dose
drought
dwelling

E

earnest
economical
elect
elude
embarrass
embrace
emerge
empire

endeavour
endure
enterprise
environment
equipment
errand
especially
estimate

evaluation
evident
exaggerate
excellent
excitement
exciting
exclaim
existence

expel
expense
explanation
extended
exterior
extinction
extract
extremely

F

familiar
famine
fatal
fatigue
favourite
feeble

feign
fertile
flamboyant
flawless
fleet
flora

flourish
foe
forbid
foreign
forty
foundation

fragment
fragrant
frequent
frivolous
fund

G

garment
government
grate

gratitude
grave
grieve

grotesque
guarantee
guard

H

habitable
habitat
halt

harass
hasty
heroic

hindrance
hoax
holiday

hollow
humble
hygienic

I

identity
idle
idol
ignorant
imitate
immediately
immerse
inaudible

incision
inconspicuous
individual
inedible
inferior
influence
inhabitants
insane

insert
insolent
inspire
intangible
intense
intention
interested
interfere

interior
interpret
interrogate
interrupt
invalid
isolation

L

labour
lament
language
latter
lavish

lean
legible
leisure
lenient
liberal

liberty
library
lightning
limb
linger

lodge
lofty
loneliness
loyalty

M

majestic
margin
matte
maximum
meagre

meant
merchant
mercy
meticulous
minimum

mischief
moderate
modest
moral
mortal

muscle
mysterious

N

nauseous
neat

necessary
nimble

noted
nuisance

O

oath
obey
obedience
objection
obscure

obstinate
occupy
occur
odour
offend

omen
opportunity
oppose
oppress
option

ordeal
origin

P

painstaking
parallel
parliament
passive
peak
peculiar
perceive
perilous
perish

permit
perplexed
persuade
physical
pigment
pioneer
pledge
plume
plunge

pompous
poultry
precarious
prejudice
present
privilege
proclaim
procure
profession

profit
programme
prohibit
prominent
promote
prompt
pronunciation
proportion
prosperous

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