Year 8 Term 3 Vocabulary Words

Week 1

**Apparition –** a ghostly image or vision; a supernatural appearance

**Alliance –** a union or association; a joining together of two parties

**Expound –** to explain in detail; to elaborate on

**Parapet –** a low protective wall along a bridge or rooftop, or above a trench to protect soldiers

**Thatched –** having a roof made from dried straw, rushes or reeds

**Loath –** unwilling; reluctant

**Abhor –** to detest; to shrink away from in disgust or hatred

**Commotion –** a confused, noisy disturbance

**Hypocrisy –** Pretending to have certain beliefs or standards, but not acting on them

**Miser –** a person who hoards their money and spends as little as possible

Week 2

**Chide –** to scold or tell off; to express disapproval

**Importune –** to beg or pester someone by repeatedly asking

**Condescend –** to act superior; to show that you think you are better or smarter

**Audacious –** extremely bold and daring; cheeky

**Servile –** too eager to serve or please others; overly submissive; showing excessive flattery or deference

**Infallible –** absolutely trustworthy; unable to make mistakes or be wrong

**Prudent –** wise; showing care or thought for the future; sensible in handling practical matters

**Venture –** to bravely begin something risky

**Allude –** to suggest or hint; to refer to something in an indirect way

**Nuance –** a tiny, subtle variation; a small difference that is hard to notice

Week 3

**Construe –** to interpret; to read words or actions in a certain way

**Taper –** to get smaller or thinner at one end

**Ingrate –** someone who is not thankful

**Blunder –** a stupid or careless mistake

**Purloin –** to steal

**Vexed –** irritated or annoyed

**Inquisitive –** curious, interested to find things out

**Congenial –** agreeable, suitable, or pleasing

**Boisterous –** noisy and energetic; rowdy

**Opulent –** very obviously expensive and luxurious

Week 4

**Notorious –** famous for something bad

**Covert –** hidden or disguised; secret

**Defray –** provide money to cover costs or expenses

**Vanquished –** defeated; utterly wiped out

**Camaraderie –** friendly warmth and loyalty between people who work together or spend a lot of time together

**Waylaid –** ambushed; attacked unexpectedly by someone who has been lying in wait

**Scabbard –** a sheath for a dagger or sword

**Contraband –** goods that have been taken between countries illegally

**Placate –** to stop from being angry; to appease

**Lichen –** a type of flat plant-like organism which grows over rocks or wood

Week 5

**Cur –** an aggressive mongrel dog, or a mean and cowardly person

**Droning –** speaking in a dull monotonous voice

**Visage –** the face or appearance of a person

**Credibility –** believability

**Scrupulous –** careful, thorough and attentive to detail; being careful to be honest and correct

**Peevish –** irritable; easily annoyed

**Scrumptious –** delicious

**Yammer –** to talk on and on in an annoying way, especially about something unimportant

**Defunct –** no longer in use; no longer existing or functioning

**Remorse –** deep and painful regret

Week 6

**Demeanour –** outward behaviour; way of looking or acting

**Clamorous –** making a loud and confused noise; making noisy complaints or demands

**Perused –** read or examined something in a relaxed way; browsed through

**Scuttled –** ran with quick, hasty steps

**Glowered –** stared angrily; glared

**Acquit –** to free from legal charges; to declare not guilty

**Edification –** education or enlightenment; improvement, building up

**Tawdry –** cheap and showy; tacky or tasteless

**Savour –** to taste or experience something slowly and thoroughly in order to enjoy it as much as possible

**Enigma –** something that is mysterious and impossible to understand

Week 7

**Covenant –** an agreement, promise or contract

**Preposterous –** utterly absurd or ridiculous; outrageous

**Fray –** a fight or battle; a competition, especially in sports

**Shirk –** to avoid work or duties

**Gnarled –** knobbly, rough or twisted, especially with age

**Assuage –** to lessen pain or distress; to ease or calm

**Froward –** difficult to deal with, not easily controlled; stubbornly wild

**Erratic –** unpredictable; uneven or irregular; strange

**Unfettered –** free from restraint; not controlled or restricted

**Scrutiny –** careful observation or examination

Week 8

**Grievous –** very bad or serious; causing great sadness or pain

**Prerogative –** privilege; right

**Credulous –** trusting; believing

**Expunge –** to wipe out; erase; obliterate

**Smote –** struck or hit

**Turmoil –** a state of confusion, disorder or uncertainty

**Guffaw –** a loud, unrestrained burst of laughter

**Austere –** stern and severe

**Utopia –** a perfect, idealised society free from fear or suffering

**Heed –** pay attention to; take notice of

Week 9

**Instigation –** urging or pushing; causing someone to act or making something happen

**Voracious –** greedy; never satisfied

**Uncouth –** bad-mannered, embarrassing or rude

**Renowned –** famous, well known

**Discomfited –** uneasy or embarrassed

**Infamy –** fame for something bad

**Onslaught –** a violent attack

**Benevolence –** kindness; generosity; desire to do good to others

**Garish –** very bright, colourful or showy; tacky and tasteless

**Stealthily –** secretively; sneakily