

IMPORTANT WORDS for VERBAL REASONING

Below you can find a list of words I have used for my verbal reasoning lessons. The major problem children have with vocabulary is that they are seeing the words out of context. This list is by no means definitive, but has been collated from years of tutoring children for the 11+ and 12+ exams; in my experience these are words children commonly found difficult. These words may not appear in a real test, who knows what may turn up? The children have to start somewhere in order to build up their vocabulary.

I suggest that you go through the list asking your child whether they know the meaning of each word...**BUT** you **MUST NOT** give them clues, after all you will not be there in the exam! They need to know the meaning of the word in its singular form; not in a sentence.

Once you have established which words are unknown, start making up flashcards...Write the word on the front in large bold letters (decorated if they so wish), on the reverse the meaning, together with **SINGLE** words meaning the same and the opposite. This is where a good Thesaurus will come in handy. Once a fair few have been recorded, start making up games, get your child to make up a name together with the rules (which could be posted on the forum under 'Tips')

I would also strongly recommend that you ensure your child regularly reads out loud to an adult (making note of unknown vocabulary). Most parents, me included, are guilty of assuming that if our children can "read" then they can be left to their own devices. However, what happens when they come across a word they do not understand, do they look it up in a dictionary? Do they get out of bed, come downstairs and ask? Of course they don't, because they can get the general meaning of the sentence (or paragraph) without knowing the meaning of the offending word. It's also quite surprising (when left to read by themselves) how many words they mispronounce.

Good Luck

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OPPOSE	NOTED x2	WASTEFUL
CONTEST x2	FATIGUE	LENIENT
CONCEAL	FEEBLE	RESTRAIN
REVEAL	GRAVE x2	CONDEMN
COMMENCE	SANITARY	EMPLOY
ABANDON	HOAX	RELEASE
ABODE	IMITATE	APPROVE
ADHERE	INSOLENT	NEAT x2
AID	INTENTION	PROHIBIT
ALLY	UNITE	DILUTED
COMPREHEND	LAMENT	FORBID
AFFECTIONATE	LEAN x2	PROMPT
ACCUSE	LOFTY	AVOWED
HYGIENIC	LOYAL	QUAINT
PECULIAR	INSANE	QUEER
ASSEMBLE	SANE	RAIMENT
ASUNDER	MALADY	RAMBLE
BROAD	MARGIN	RANK
BESIEGED	MARINER	DWELLING
CAUTION	MAXIMUM	ROAM
COARSE	MINIMUM	ROBUST
CONCENTRATED x2	DUMB[not stupid]	SHRINE
CUNNING	MEAGRE	SLEEK
ARTFUL	NIMBLE	STERN
SLY	ROWDY	SCORE X4
CURB	ODOUR	OBSTINATE
CUSTOM	OMEN	STURDY
DECEIVE	SCANTY	YIELD
CALAMITY	OPTION	STUBBORN
TWILIGHT	COAX	SUSPEND x2
ELUDE	PLUME	THRUST
FOE	PROFIT	TRANQUIL
EXTENDED	ECONOMICAL	VACANT
EXTERIOR	ABSURD	CANDIDATE
INTERIOR	DISPERSE	WRETCHED
DEBATE	SACRED	QUENCH
DECLARE	LIABLE	PROVOKE
DECLINE	INFLUENCE	PROCLAIM
REFUSE x2	RESIDENCE	CONCLUSION
DETERMINE	GRATITUDE	IMPUDENT
ACCUSTOM	DESTITUTE	REVIVE
CONFERRED	DESPAIR	RESOLVE
FRAGMENT	DESPISE	EXTRACT
PROPORTION	FAMINE	MODERATE

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TRAITOR	DEPOSIT	ESTIMATE
INSERT	RESERVE	PROMOTE
IMMERSE	CONVERT	ENTIRE
WHOLESOME	CONVEY	DISCONTENT
ENTERPRISE	AMBITION	EVIDENT
PROMINENT	OBJECTION	FREQUENT
DOMESTIC	OBJECT x2	EXPEL
HEROIC	ACQUIRE	SATIN
MAJESTIC	AQUAINTED	SOBER
TEMPERATE	OFFEND	EXCLAIM
PUNCTURE	OPPRESS	PLUNGE
ABUNDANCE	RESIGN	ATTEMPT
PUNCTUAL	BURDEN	TEMPTATION
TENANT	PRETENCE	HARBOUR x2
VACANT	TRIFLE x2	CONTRIBUTE
TYRANT	VAPOUR	CONSUME
PROSPEROUS	INVALID x2	JUSTICE
PERCEIVE	RETREAT	CONTRAST
DECEIT	COMMIT	VEIL
CONSIDERATION	SACRIFICE	LABOUR
COMBINATION	PURPOSE	OBLIGE
VENTILATION	DIGEST	COMPEL
FRAGRANT	POULTRY	SUSPECT x2
ASSISTANCE	COMRADE	GARMENT
SEIZE	ENDEAVOUR	FOUNDATION
ORDEAL	WHOLLY	ERRAND
FATAL	ORIGIN	PLEDGE
BETRAY	MORAL	DIVINE
DIVINITY	CSERMON	PERMIT x2
ADOPT	IDLE	HUMBLE
PROMPT	IDOL	VAST
MERCY	STOOP	CONFINE
INSPIRE	GRATE	CONTRACT x2
ROGUE	LINGER	CONVICT x2
EXPENSE	MERCHANT	DEVOTE
EMBRACE	CONSTANT	INHABIT
RECITE	EMPIRE	PASTURE
FERTILE	LIMIT	LEA
BARREN	PUBLIC	COMPOSITION
ENTIRELY	ADVANCE	PERIL
WEARY	HASTY	PROFIT
AVOID	FLEET x2	FLOURISH
ADMISSION	LIBERTY	CREDIT
UNION	BANISH	CULTIVATE

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CURIOUS	PERISH	ARTICLE
ANXIOUS	CORRECT x2	DOSE
WORTHY	DISTINCT	LIMB
ABUNDANT	DISTRESS	ERECT
APPEAL	STRESS	ELECT
BRIEF	OCCUR	HALT
SUBMIT	OCCUPY	CEASE
AROUSE	HOLLOW	MERE
WITHER	COMPANY x2	SINCERE
DENY	COMPANION	LATTER
LIBERAL	GRIEVE	MODEST
FUND	RESTORE	DISPUTE
PIONEER	BOX x2	RURAL
REPENT	VESSEL	MORTAL
CONSENT	RARE	SELDOM
CONTEMPT	LODGE x2	RETAIN
CONCLUDE	DIN	OATH
CONVINCE	STOUT	PROCURE
SOW x2	SCRIPTURE	ENDURE
CONSIST	EARNEST	SECURE