## <u>Lexicon Challenge Word List</u> <u>Middle School</u>

Word	Synonym	Antonym
abide	accept	avoid
absurd	foolish	logical
abundant	plentiful	scarce
acknowledge	accept	ignore
adept	able	unskilled
adjourn	delay	begin
advocate	campaigner	opponent
agrarian	uncultured	urban
affliction	hardship	blessing
alliance	accord	hostility
annotation	explanation	main text
antithesis	contrast	same
anonymous	incognito	known
appreciate	acknowledge	ignore
arrogant	conceited	modest
artificial	imitation	natural
ascribe	hire	fire
askew	bent	aligned
astute	Bright (smart)	naive
audacity	disrespectfulness	courtesy
ban	restriction	allowance
belligerent	aggressive	passive
benign	healthful	severe
bizzare	weird	ordinary
bleak	barren	overgrown
botany	ecology	zoology

camouflage	appearance	display
captivating	interesting	dull
circumspect	attentive	careless
circumscribe	bound	free
clarify	clear	confuse
clergy	canonry	laity
collateral	accessory	main
colleague	coworker	opponent
commemorate	admire	dishonor
commerce	begin	complete
commission	payment	salary
compel	enforce	obstruct
compensation	bonus	loss
complex	elaborate	simple
comprehend	understand	misunderstand
conceited	arrogant	humble
confirm	affirm	cancel
connotation	meaning	denotation
conspicuous	noticeable	hidden
contented	satisfied	unhappy
corporal	physical	mental
deceitful	dishonest	honest
default	standard	unique
defensive	protective	unprotective
denote	mean	connote
depreciate	decrease	increase
desensitize	numb	sensitize
destitute	bankrupt	rich
despicable	hateful	likable

disclose	admit	hide
dismantle	destroy	assemble
duplicate	alike	different
eloquent	articulate	inarticulate
elusive	baffling	actual
enclose	surround	free
enhance	enlarge	reduce
evoke	recall	repress
exceed	pass	fail
exempt	clear	liable
exhale	breath	inhale
exotic	mysterious	ordinary
expire	perish	begin
expend	consume	save
expenditure	spent	earned
expose	reveal	conceal
exude	display	conceal
explicit	certain	unclear
fertility	abundance	infertility
flexible	stretchable	inflexible
fluent	flowing	inarticulate
forte	ability	weakness
galvanize	motivate	depress
generate	create	destroy
genesis	birth	end
gild	decorate	deface
gradual	slowly	sudden
herbaceous	blooming	tasting
humane	commpassinate	cruel

humility	shyness	boldness
hysteria	madness	calmness
ignoble	shameful	noble
illuminate	brighten	darken
illuminated	glowing	dim
illusion	confusion	reality
immodest	blunt	modest
immortality	infinite	mortality
impede	obstruct	help
imply	refer	comply
impulsive	hasty	cautious
incapable	helpless	capable
indigenous	domestic	migrant
inflammation	worsening	relieving
inflation	rise	deflation
innate	natural	acquired
initiate	start	finish
intimate	affectionate	unfriendly
interaction	interchange	opposition
intuition	instinct	intellect
invalid	ill	healthy
invaluable	valuable	dispensable
invisible	ghostly	visible
invincible	indestructible	defenseless
lapse	mistake	improvement
liquefy	melt	harden
lurch	blunder	achieve
malodorous	nauseating	fragrant
meager	deficient	abundant

merge	join	separate
monotonous	boring	interesting
morbid	dark	cheerful
mortify	embarrass	please
mute	inarticulate	talkative
miscellaneous	assorted	same
motivate	inspire	depress
nascent	beginning	dying
native	domestic	foreign
notable	famous	obscure
notorious	popular	unknown
novel	original	traditional
novice	beginner	expert
oblivion	neglect	awareness
ostentatious	classy	modest
organic	natural	artificial
opulence	affluence(wealth)	scarcity(poorness)
paralyse	disable	enable
peremptory	absolute	theoretical
perish	cease	survive
persistently	energetically	idly
persuasive	convincing	unconvincing
perplex	puzzle	clear
physical	bodily	mental
ponder	consider	ignore
potent	dominant	weak
preceed	lead	follow
preliminary	initial	concluding
pretentious	conceited	humble

proceed	progress	stop
progenitor	founder	descendant
progress	advancement	regression
promotion	advance	recession
promptness	quickness	slowness
proposal	offer	withdrawal
proscribe	ban	allow
provisional	limited	definite
rebellious	disobedient	law-abiding
receptive	open	resistant
reflect	mirror	absorb
regress	return	improve
rejuvenate	enliven	dull
reminisce	remember	forget
remiss	careless	careful
remittance	bonus	loss
resistant	aggressive	polite
resume	continue	abandon
resolution	determination	irresolution
resolve	determination	indecision
respective	individual	multilateral
replica	clone	original
revoke	deny	introduce
scowl	grimace	smile
scribe	writer	reader
scrutiny	analysis	glance
sensible	logical	foolish
sensitive	delicate	insensitive
serene	calm	nervous

significant	compelling	meaningless
succeed	accomplish	fail
sufficient	acceptable	insufficient
sullen	crabby	cheerful
surmount	conquer	surrender
suspicion	mistrust	trust
synthesize	blend	separate
taunt	insult	praise
theory	assumption	fact
thesis	idea	fact
timid	shy	bold
transcript	duplicate	original
tranquility	calmness	chaos
trite	unoriginal	original
tenacious	dishonest	honest
trivial	irrelevant	significance
unabashed	immodest	respectful
valid	accurate	wrong
various	mixed	same
verdant	blooming	dying
vibrant	energetic	dull
vigor	energy	inactivity
visionary	ambitious	mundane
vitality	animation	apathy
vivid	eloquent	dull
wholesome	pure	impure
woe	agony	joy