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# 50 Must-Know 11+ Vocabulary Words to Boost Your Child's Success

This list contains definitions, example sentence, synonyms

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## Why strong vocabulary is essential for 11+

Strong vocabulary is the foundation of success in the 11+ exam. Whether it's understanding complex texts in comprehension, expressing ideas in creative writing, or tackling verbal reasoning questions, a rich vocabulary gives children the confidence to perform at their best.

This handpicked list of 50 powerful words is just a glimpse of how we help

learners prepare with purpose and clarity. **Use these words in your descriptive writing or refer to the example sentences as context clues to understand their meanings.**

### Set 1: Core Verbs & Emotions

Word	Definition	Example Sentence	Synonym
Abandon	To leave behind or give up	She had to abandon the puzzle halfway through dinner.	Leave, desert
Accurate	Free from error; correct	His answers in the maths test were completely accurate.	Precise, exact
Ambition	A strong desire to achieve something	Her ambition was to become a published author.	Goal, aspiration
Anxious	Worried or nervous	He felt anxious before the big test.	Nervous, uneasy
Approve	To agree with or support	His parents approve of his love for music.	Accept, support
Argue	To express disagreement	The children began to argue about who would go first.	Disagree, quarrel
Astonish	To surprise greatly	The magician astonished the audience.	Amaze, shock
Attempt	To try to do something	She made another attempt to solve the tricky riddle.	Try, effort
Avoid	To stay away from	He tried to avoid walking through the muddy path.	Escape, dodge
Boast	To talk with pride (sometimes too much)	He boasted about his high score.	Brag, show off

## Set 2: Descriptive Adjectives

Word	Definition	Example Sentence	Synonym
Benevolent	Kind and generous	The benevolent teacher helped every child.	Kind, caring
Brilliant	Very clever or bright	She had a brilliant idea for her story.	Bright, smart
Cautious	Careful to avoid danger	He was cautious when crossing the road.	Careful, alert
Certain	Sure about something	She was certain she left her keys on the table.	Sure, confident
Confident	Believing in yourself	He was confident he'd win the spelling bee.	Self-assured
Courage	Bravery in the face of fear	It took courage to perform on stage.	Bravery, boldness
Delight	Great joy or pleasure	The gift brought her great delight.	Joy, pleasure
Determined	Firm in purpose	She was determined to finish her painting.	Resolute, driven
Disastrous	Causing great harm	The storm had a disastrous effect on the garden.	Devastating, terrible
Doubt	A feeling of uncertainty	He had doubt about his answer.	Uncertainty, suspicion

## Set 3: Learning & Growth

Word	Definition	Example Sentence	Synonym
Eager	Excited or keen to do something	She was eager to start her new class.	Enthusiastic
Encourage	To give support or hope	The coach encouraged the team to keep going.	Support, inspire
Essential	Absolutely necessary	Water is essential for life.	Vital, important
Familiar	Well known from experience	The song sounded familiar to him.	Known, recognized
Furious	Extremely angry	She was furious when her book got wet.	Enraged, livid
Generous	Willing to give or share	He was generous with his time.	Kind, giving
Grateful	Thankful	She felt grateful for her friend's help.	Thankful, appreciative

Honest	Truthful and sincere	He gave an honest answer.	Truthful, frank
Humble	Not proud or boastful	Despite winning, he remained humble.	Modest, meek
Improve	To make better	He improved his handwriting by practising daily.	Enhance, develop

## Set 4: Mindsets & Reactions

Word	Definition	Example Sentence	Synonym
Interrupt	To stop someone speaking	Please don't interrupt during the story.	Disturb, cut in
Jealous	Feeling envy of others	She was jealous of her sister's new shoes.	Envious
Loyal	Faithful and supportive	Dogs are known for being loyal pets.	Faithful, devoted
Mischief	Playful trouble or behavior	The puppy caused mischief in the garden.	Naughtiness
Mysterious	Hard to explain or understand	The book had a mysterious ending.	Puzzling, strange
Nervous	Worried or afraid	He was nervous before his turn.	Anxious, uneasy
Obvious	Easy to see or understand	The answer was obvious to everyone.	Clear, plain
Peculiar	Strange or unusual	The sky had a peculiar shade of green.	Odd, weird
Predict	To say what will happen	She predicted rain by looking at the clouds.	Forecast
Reluctant	Unwilling or hesitant	He was reluctant to join the game.	Hesitant, unwilling

## Set 5: Challenge & Action

Word	Definition	Example Sentence	Synonym
Collapse	To fall down suddenly	The tower of blocks collapsed.	Fall, crumble
Confuse	To make unclear	The directions confused me.	Puzzle, bewilder
Describe	To give details	Can you describe the scene?	Explain, portray
Discover	To find something new	They discovered a hidden room.	Find, uncover
Hesitate	To pause before acting	She hesitated before answering.	Pause, delay
Ignore	To pay no attention to	He ignored the warning sign.	Overlook, dismiss
Improve	To get better	Practice helped him improve.	Enhance, develop
Support	To help or back up	The friends supported each other.	Help, assist
Solve	To find the answer	She solved the mystery.	Resolve, figure out
Understand	To grasp meaning	He finally understood the poem.	Comprehend

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