

VOCABULARY SCHEDULE--FIRST SEMESTER, 2008-2009
American Literature and Writing--Periods 1,2,3, 6, and 7

Unit 1: Check on Tuesday, 8/19 Quiz on Friday, 8/22
Unit 2: Check on Tuesday, 8/26 Quiz on Friday, 8/29
Unit 3: Check on **Wednesday, 9/3** Quiz on Friday, 9/5

Review for units 1-3: Check on Tuesday, 9/9
Test on units 1-3 on Thursday, 9/11

Unit 4: Check on Tuesday, 9/16 Quiz on Friday, 9/19
Unit 5: Check on Tuesday, 9/23 Quiz on Friday, 9/26
Unit 6: Check on Tuesday, 9/30 Quiz on Friday, 10/3

Review for units 1-6: Check on Tuesday, 10/7
Test on units 1-6 on Thursday, 10/9

Unit 7: Check on Tuesday, 10/14 Quiz on Friday, 10/17
Unit 8: Check on Tuesday, 10/21 Quiz on Friday, 10/24
Unit 9: Check on Tuesday, 10/28 Quiz on Friday, 10/31

Review for units 1-9: Check on Tuesday, 11/4
Test on units 1-9 on Thursday, 11/6

FORMAT OF QUIZZES AND TESTS

Both quizzes and tests will have multiple-choice sections on definitions, antonyms, sentence completions, roots, prefixes, and suffixes. You will also be required to use some words in a sentence of your own and to spell correctly in those sentences.

Study the vocabulary well. Language is one of our most personal--and powerful--gifts. We use it to connect ourselves with others and the world around us; we use it to receive communication from others and the world around us. We use it to understand. Learn to use our language with integrity, skill, and pleasure. Look for words that really match and express what you have in your mind and heart. Learn to love dictionaries! Expanding your understanding of words will help you become a better and more appreciative reader, listener, and speaker. Finally, study well so that you are prepared for the PSAT and SAT.

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HOW TO STUDY

The results of these quizzes and tests are in your control. The key to understanding the words includes at least seven activities.

1. Study the words for several days rather than once the night before the quiz or test. Then, after taking the quiz for unit 1, for example, review those words as you study the new words for unit 2. The key is repetition over time.

As you study, using your senses also helps. Concentrate while you say a word out loud and while you write it, for example. Use all the suggestions your teachers have given you over the years.

2. Study the entire definition, not only the first phrase. Think about how the various parts of the definition are related to each other.
3. Study the synonyms and antonyms in the workbook exercises.
4. Reread carefully the three sentences that the vocabulary workbook gives you as examples of how to use the word. Compare the way the word is used in those sentences. What do the sentences have in common? What are the context clues to the meaning of the word in each of the three sentences?
5. Use the words deliberately and correctly in your own writing and speaking.
6. Write original sentences, using the vocabulary words for that week.
7. Use the ways other teachers have taught you to study vocabulary.