

**Grade 7 Vocabulary**

**Word Meanings**

**Week 10**

Directions: Look at the words in the list below. There is a definition and two phrases to help you learn the new vocabulary.

<b>Word</b>	<b>Meaning</b>	<b>Examples</b>
<b>fossil fuels</b> (noun)	natural fuels that are formed from the remains of previously living organisms (coal or gas)	"limited fossil fuels"; "Fossil fuels are being depleted."
<b>plunging</b> (adjective)	decreasing at a rapid rate	"plunging levels"; "plunging temperatures"
<b>surpass</b> (verb)	to be better than expected	"surpass your expectations"; "surpass the goals"
<b>subsidies</b> (noun)	an amount of money given by the government or public to an individual to allow a commodity price to stay competitive	"farm subsidies"; "subsidies for ranchers"
<b>barring</b> (preposition)	exception, if not for	"barring an emergency"; "barring a miracle"

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<b>significant</b> (adjective)	important, noteworthy, of great importance	"a significant accomplishment"; "a significant amount"
<b>pessimism</b> (noun)	the habit of seeing the worst aspect of things or believing the worst	"prone to pessimism"; "deep levels of pessimism"
<b>transition</b> (noun)	a change from one condition to another, transformation	"a transition period"; "area in transition"
<b>eliminate</b> (verb)	to remove, abolish, or get rid of	"eliminate the competition"; "eliminate the source"
<b>impetus</b> (noun)	motivation, the force that moves something faster	"an impetus for change"; "the impetus for homework completion"

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<b>hydropower</b> (noun)	power created by water (hydroelectric power)	"hydropower dam"; "hydropower system"
<b>reliance</b> (noun)	trust in someone or something, dependence on	"reliance on friends"; "reliance on donations"
<b>divest</b> (verb)	remove, strip, take someone's power, possessions, or rights	"divest the resources"; "divest of rights"
<b>solar</b> (adjective)	relating to the sun or using the sun's energy	"solar powered"; "solar heating"
<b>profoundly</b> (adverb)	extremely, to great extent	"profoundly concerned"; "profoundly damaged"

