

**Grade 7 Vocabulary**

**Word Meanings**

**Week 4**

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

Word	Meaning	Examples
<b>fertilisers</b> (verb)	something added to soil to make it more fertile	"Fertilisers often add nitrogen to soil."; "We use two different fertilisers."
<b>pesticides</b> (noun)	a substance that destroys insects or other harmful creatures on crops	"Pesticides can be dangerous."; "Natural pesticides do exist."
<b>sediment</b> (noun)	matter or pieces that settle to the bottom of a liquid if not filtered	"There was sediment at the bottom."; "Filter out the sediment."
<b>salinity</b> (noun)	the amount of saline (saltiness) in something, usually water	"check tank salinity"; "The water's salinity is high."
<b>arable</b> (adjective)	ideal for crop or plant growth	"arable land"; "the arable soil patch"

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<b>depleting</b> (verb)	to use up over time	"depleting resources"; "The supplies are depleting fast."
<b>bunds</b> (noun)	embankment, causeway, or wall, often of dirt or block	"the bunds of dirt"; "bunds around fuel tanks"
<b>spurs</b> (noun)	a rock projection from a mountain or range	"spurs jutted out"; "The spurs cracked and fell down the cliff."
<b>cultivable</b> (adjective)	able to be developed or grown, usually referencing land for crops	"The land was cultivable."; "a cultivable area"
<b>tilling</b> (verb)	cultivating, working, or preparing land for planting	"We must start tilling for the garden."; "Tilling comes before planting."

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<b>precarious</b> (adjective)	dangerous or uncertain	"a precarious situation"; "a precarious pathway"
<b>degradation</b> (noun)	wearing or breaking down over time	"the degradation of land"; "degradation of rock and soil"
<b>carbon</b> (noun)	a highly common chemical element found in nature and used for many purposes	"Carbon filters are common."; "Carbon's chemical symbol is C."
<b>corrective</b> (adjective)	something meant to counteract something negative or incorrect	"corrective measures"; "corrective action taken"
<b>emanated</b> (verb)	spread out or flowed out from a source	"Warmth emanated from the fireplace."; "Noise emanated from the playground."

