

Grade 7 Vocabulary

Word Meanings

Week 7

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
drought (noun)	a long period of time with low rainfall that leads to low water supply	"experiencing a drought"; "drought conditions"
stricken (adjective)	affected strongly by a negative condition or feeling.	"stricken with fear"; "stricken in years"
relief (noun)	a feeling of comfort or removal of anxiety	"such a relief"; "needing relief"
dams (noun)	walls or barriers to hold back water to create a reserve	"beaver dams"; "opening the dams"
scarcity (adjective)	lack of or shortage of supply	"scarcity of resources"; "time of scarcity"

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groundwater (noun)	the water that is underground held in the soil or rock crevices	"groundwater source"; "tap into groundwater"
extraction (noun)	taking something out often with force	"mineral extraction"; "planning an extraction"
irrigation (noun)	supply of water to a specific area, usually for plant growth	"irrigation of crops"; "an irrigation system"
policies (noun)	more than one course of action adopted or proposed by an agency	"working on new policies"; "What are the policies on payment?"
municipal (adjective)	relating to a governing body usually a town or city	"municipal planning committee"; "municipal building"

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feasibility (noun)	workability; state of being easily completed	"feasibility study"; "the feasibility of the plan"
prolong (verb)	to extend or make longer in size, amount, or time	"prolong the journey"; "prolong the life of"
erratic (adjective)	unpredictable and inconsistent	"erratic behavior"; "breathing was erratic"
reservoir (noun)	a water supply usually a natural or artificial lake	"a deep reservoir"; "reservoir filled with water"
gauging (verb)	assessing, evaluating, and analyzing	"gauging a response"; "gauging the likelihood"

