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EXACT TEA WORDING • STAAR READING

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2024–2026 • GRADES 3–8 + ENGLISH I & II • ITEM NUMBERS CITED

GRADE	2024	2025	2026
Grade 3	**favor** in line 6 · A Lens into the Past Read the dictionary entry for the word favor . favor \ˈfā-vər\ noun 1. popularity or support 2. special permission 3. a kind act 4. a special gift Which definition best matches the way the word favor is used in line 6? Item 1 · 2024 · Grade 3 **floating** in paragraph 9 · A Forest Full of Stars What is a synonym of the word floating in paragraph 9 of the story from A Forest Full of Stars ? Item 9 · 2024 · Grade 3	**manage** in paragraph 5 · Art Gardens for Communities Read the dictionary entry for the word manage . manage \ˈma-nij\ verb 1. to look after something 2. to give someone direction 3. to make someone listen 4. to try to change something Which definition best matches the way the word manage is used in paragraph 5? Item 9 · 2025 · Grade 3 **survive** in paragraph 12 · Nature's Best Jumpers What is the meaning of the word survive in paragraph 12? Item 5 · 2025 · Grade 3	**admit** in paragraph 6 · The Need for Referees Read the dictionary entry. admit \əd-ˈmit\ verb 1. to say something is true 2. to allow into a group 3. to let something happen 4. to accept into a hospital Which definition best matches the way the word admit is used in paragraph 6? Item 1 · 2026 · Grade 3 **disagree** In paragraph 8 · The Need for Referees In paragraph 8, the prefix dis– helps the reader understand that to disagree means to — Item 6 · 2026 · Grade 3
Grade 4	**construction** in paragraph 6 · Parks with a Purpose Read the dictionary entry. construction \kən-ˈstrək-shən\ noun 1. a thoughtful explanation 2. a piece of fine art 3. the act of making something 4. the arrangement of words in a phrase Which definition best matches the meaning of construction in paragraph 6? Item 3 · 2024 · Grade 4 **underneath** in paragraph 5 · Surprise Kick What is a synonym of the word underneath in paragraph 5? Item 23 · 2024 · Grade 4	**modern** in paragraph 3 · Cultural Cooking Connections Read the dictionary entry. modern \ mä-dərn\ adjective 1. having to do with the present time 2. different from older art 3. building on new information 4. thinking in different ways Which definition best matches the meaning of modern in paragraph 3 of the article "Cultural Cooking Connections"? Item 15 · 2025 · Grade 4 **worked up** in line 10 · Rock Star Dad What is the meaning of worked up in line 10? Item 14 · 2025 · Grade 4	**beams** in paragraph 2 · Save the Screens Read the dictionary entry for the word beams . beams \ˈbēms\ noun 1. heavy pieces of metal used in buildings 2. widths of ships at their widest parts 3. glowing streaks or lines 4. radio signals sent to guide pilots Which definition best matches the meaning of beams in paragraph 2 of the article "Save the Screens"? Item 9 · 2026 · Grade 4 **oblige** in line 8 · Squash Soup What is the meaning of the word oblige in line 8? Item 1 · 2026 · Grade 4

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Grade 5	**depths** in line 19 · The World Is at My Fingertips Read the dictionary entry. depths \ˈdepths\ noun 1. a place far from the surface 2. the middle of a time period 3. the worst part 4. a measurement from front to back Which definition best matches the meaning of depths in line 19 of the poem “The World Is at My Fingertips”? Item 11 · 2024 · Grade 5 **dissolve** In paragraph 14 · Tales from Watership Down In paragraph 14, the word dissolve means — Item 20 · 2024 · Grade 5	**intricate** In paragraph 2 · Crochet Away! In paragraph 2 of the article “Crochet Away!,” the word intricate means — Item 13 · 2025 · Grade 5 **compose** in paragraph 1 · Pencils or Programs ? Traditional Animation Is Here to Stay Read the dictionary entry. compose \kəm-ˈpōz\ verb 1. to write music 2. to form by putting together 3. to free from worry 4. to deal with in order to make less Which definition best matches the meaning of the word composed in paragraph 1? Item 23 · 2025 · Grade 5	**supersonic** In line 4 · Twists and Turns In line 4, the prefix super– helps the reader understand that the word supersonic means — Item 1 · 2026 · Grade 5
Grade 6	**acquire** in paragraph 9 · The Age of Language Read the dictionary entry. acquire \ə-ˈkwī(-ə)r\ verb 1. to buy for oneself 2. to gain a reputation for 3. to locate and hold a desired object 4. to achieve through one’s own efforts Which definition best matches the meaning of acquire in paragraph 9? Item 11 · 2024 · Grade 6 **propelled** In line 20 · A Wave of a Day In line 20 of the poem “A Wave of a Day,” the word propelled means — Item 21 · 2024 · Grade 6	**biohazard** in line 23 · A Sour Deal The word biohazard contains a prefix from the Greek root that means “life.” Based on this information, what does the word biohazard mean as it is used in line 23? Item 7 · 2025 · Grade 6 **roost** from paragraph 3 · The Bat’s Cave: A Dark City Which word from paragraph 3 helps the reader understand the meaning of roost ? Item 27 · 2025 · Grade 6	**involved** dictionary entry · The Cardboard Catastrophe + The Automobile Read the dictionary entry. involved \in-ˈvälvd\ adj 1. very complicated 2. included in something 3. committed to a cause 4. having a close relationship Enter your answer in the box. Item 9 · 2026 · Grade 6 · Text Entry

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Grade 7	**pitch** in paragraph 6 · A Different Approach to Budgeting Read the dictionary entry. pitch /ˈpich/ v 1. to throw with careful aim 2. to fall heavily forward 3. to make a proposal for something 4. to give one's share of the work Which definition best matches the meaning of pitched in paragraph 6? Item 21 · 2024 · Grade 7 **modification** from paragraph 5 · Why We Need Solo Sports Which word from paragraph 5 best helps the reader understand the meaning of modification ? Item 1 · 2024 · Grade 7	**motive** in paragraph 2 · Winter Wisdom The word motive has a Latin root that means "move" or "motion." Based on this information, what does the word motive mean as it is used in paragraph 2? Item 21 · 2025 · Grade 7 **revelation** in paragraph 4 · An Ancient Farming Method Which word from paragraph 3 of the article "An Ancient Farming Method" provides the best clue to the meaning of the word revelation in paragraph 4? Item 15 · 2025 · Grade 7	**newfangled** In paragraph 2 · Orville and Wilbur Wright: Pioneers of the Age of Flight In paragraph 2 of the excerpt from Orville and Wilbur Wright: Pioneers of the Age of Flight , the word newfangled means — Item 9 · 2026 · Grade 7
Grade 8	**discretion** in paragraph 4 · Cameras in the Courtroom Read this sentence from paragraph 4 of the article "Cameras in the Courtroom." It would allow judges in all federal courts the discretion to permit electronic media coverage while safeguarding due process and privacy. Which word from the sentence best helps the reader determine the meaning of discretion as it is used in paragraph 4 ? Item 9 · 2024 · Grade 8 **immerse** in paragraph 4 · The Great Aviation Communicator Read the information about the origin of the word immerse . from Latin immersus, meaning "plunged in or submerged" Based on this information, what is the meaning of immersed in paragraph 4? Item 2 · 2024 · Grade 8	**span** in paragraph 6 · Seeing in a Sea of Snow Read the dictionary entry. span \'span\ n 1. a limited period of time 2. an extended distance 3. the space between the end of the thumb and the end of the little finger 4. the length between two supports of a structure Which definition best matches the meaning of span in paragraph 6? Item 24 · 2025 · Grade 8	**intimidating** in paragraph 10 · No Summit Out of Sight The word intimidate has a Latin root that means "fear." Based on this information, what does the word intimidating mean as it is used in paragraph 10 of the excerpt from No Summit Out of Sight ? Item 12 · 2026 · Grade 8

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English I	**spindly** In paragraph 11 · Finding Dorothy In paragraph 11 of the excerpt from Finding Dorothy, what does the word spindly mean? Item 11 · 2024 · English I	**emblazon** in paragraph 3 · Buried History Read the dictionary entry. emblazon \im-'blā-zən\ v 1. to adorn a surface with a logo 2. to make dazzling with color 3. to make noteworthy 4. to inscribe a marking on a surface Which definition best matches the use of the word emblazoned in paragraph 3? Item 22 · 2025 · English I **refutes** In paragraph 5 · Listen Up! Audiobooks for the Win In paragraph 5, what does the word refutes mean? Item 1 · 2025 · English I	**sous-chef** in paragraph 13 · To Become a Chef What is the meaning of sous-chef in paragraph 13? Item 1 · 2026 · English I **forgo** In paragraph 1 · Less Is More In paragraph 1 of the article “Less Is More,” what does the word forgo mean? Item 14 · 2026 · English I
English II	**capture** in paragraph 3 · What the Octopus Knows Read the dictionary entry. capture \'kap-chər\ v 1. to take by force, especially in battle 2. to influence or hold the interest of 3. to take possession of, as in a board game 4. to describe in an accurate way Which definition most closely matches the meaning of capture as it is used in paragraph 3 of the excerpt from “What the Octopus Knows”? Item 10 · 2024 · English II **stipulated** means “specified as an essential condition” in paragraph 3 · Antarctica: Governing the Icy Continent Which word in paragraph 3 means “ specified as an essential condition”? Item 21 · 2024 · English II	**aerial** in paragraph 6 · The Flying Car: A Cool Idea That Missed Its Moment Read the dictionary entry. aerial \ 'er-ē-əl \ adj 1. imaginary or lacking substance 2. suspended by a track or cable 3. happening in the air 4. reaching up toward the sky Which definition best matches the use of the word aerial in paragraph 6? Item 1 · 2025 · English II **plateau** in paragraph 5 · Falling into Place along the Fall Line Read the dictionary entry. plateau \ pla-ˈtō \ n 1. a large flat area of land that is higher than the land surrounding it 2. a period or state of no increase or decline 3. a period of little or no progress in a person’s learning 4. a level of achievement Which definition best matches the use of the word plateau in paragraph 5? Item 25 · 2025 · English II	**balanced** in paragraph 4 · Email: Friend or Foe ? Read the dictionary entry. balanced \'ba-lən(t)st\ adj 1. able to remain fixed in place without wobbling or falling over 2. containing a good variety of ingredients, views, or other elements 3. arranged for maximum harmony or satisfaction 4. showing enough income to meet expenses Which definition best matches the use of the word balanced in paragraph 4? Item 4 · 2026 · English II **sinewy** in paragraph 6 · The Leopard What is the meaning of the word sinewy in paragraph 6? Item 27 · 2026 · English II

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