



WordMasters C H A L L E N G E

Grade 5 – Blue Division
First Challenge Meet – Word List
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All of the words listed below will appear in the first **WordMasters Challenge™**, which will be held at your school between November 9th and November 25th. (Your teacher will tell you exactly when the Challenge is scheduled for your team.) The **WordMasters Challenge™** is an analogy-solving competition. The contest will challenge you to use the words from your list in logical pairs that will look like this:

FIGHTER : STRENGTH :: SPY : _____

- a. vim
- b. cunning
- c. stamina
- d. dash
- e. nobility

To succeed in this competition, you will have to understand the exact meanings of all your words, and you will have to reason carefully about the relationships shown in the pairs. In the example above, the correct answer is **(b) cunning** because **strength** is typically the most important trait for a **fighter** to succeed; in a similar way, **cunning** is typically the most important trait for a **spy** to succeed.

Here are some tips to help you get ready for the **WordMasters Challenge™**:

- After you have learned the meanings of your words, think about possible relationships among them.
 - Which words have similar meanings?
 - Which words have nearly opposite meanings?
 - Remember, some words have more than one meaning.
- Think about some categories into which several words might be grouped.
- Be sure you understand the part of speech of a word (for example, noun, verb or adjective) as it is used in the analogy.
 - Many words on this list (such as “dash”, “flourish” and “banter”) can be either a noun or a verb depending upon how they are used. “Cunning” and “noble” can be nouns or adjectives.
- Pay special attention to the prefixes and suffixes of words, because they are often clues to meaning and part of speech.
- Try to familiarize yourself with other forms of these words, for example:
 - Not just “dash”, but also “dashing”
 - Not just “insistent”, but also “insist” and “insistence”
 - Not just “defy”, but also “defiance” and “defiant”
 - Not just “emphatic”, but also “emphasis”
- Keep this list! Some of these words will also appear in the second and third **WordMasters Challenge™** meets, scheduled for later this school year.

1. predicament

2. dash

3. stately

4. armada

5. defy

6. guileful

7. vim

8. banter

9. emphatic

10. convoy

11. perish

12. cunning

13. stamina

14. coax

15. noble

16. marathon

17. flourish

18. lofty

19. flair

20. clamber

21. insistent

22. clangor

23. linger

24. precarious

25. bearing