

Year 3 Tier 2 words answer sheet

abolish	To get rid of something or put an end to it
absurd	Foolish or untrue
alternate	To take turns
ambitious	Having a strong desire to succeed
amateur	Somebody who does something for enjoyment instead of for money
anxious	Feeling worried, nervous or afraid about something
appreciate	To be grateful for something
brisk	Lively and quick
cautious	Careful – taking care to avoid trouble or danger
cease	To stop
clutch	To hold tightly
compassionate	Showing sympathy for other people when they are suffering and wanting to help them
crucial	Very important to the success of something
despite	Not prevented by
draught	A current of cool air
drowsy	Very sleepy or nearly asleep
escalate	To increase the size or scale of something
essential	Something that is necessary or needed
exchange	To trade or give in return for something else
glare	An angry look or stare
harsh	Rough and not nice
hesitant	Not feeling sure



identical	Exactly the same
identify	To recognise someone or something and say or prove what that person or thing is
illegible	Difficult or impossible to read
illuminate	To light a place up, or shine light on
immense	Very large or huge
isolate	To separate something so that it is on its own
nestle	To lie close or curl next to something
obedient	Wanting to follow orders or instructions
oppose	To disagree with or be against something
perch	To sit on or near the edge of something
preferred	Liked or wanted more than anything else
preserve	To keep something as it is
quivering	Shaking because of a strong feeling
reassure	To comfort somebody to stop them from worrying
require	To need something
resemble	To look like or be like someone or something
scarce	Not easy to get
seize	To grab
shimmer	To shine with a soft, flickering light
sympathetic	Feeling or showing understanding
tolerate	To accept something that you might not like or agree with
transfer	To move or carry from one person or place to another
tremendous	Very large and terrific
vigorous	Forceful or energetic
unwilling	Not wanting to help