

## Story Vocabulary for “Seventh Grade” by Gary Soto

Word	Definition	Sentence
1. elective	n. an optional academic course or subject	She chose to take the <u>elective</u> of Spanish during her first semester of high school.
2. catechism	n. religious instruction; a book of religious teachings	She went to <u>catechism</u> every Sunday evening at her church.
3. scowl	n. a facial expression of dislike or displeasure v. to make an unpleasant or angry expression	He <u>scowled</u> , crumpled the paper and threw it on the floor.
4. quiver	v. to shake or tremble from fear or cold	Her body began to <u>quiver</u> as she entered the haunted house with her friends.
5. ferocity	n. the quality or state of being fierce, savage or relentless	The five year old girl, pretending to be a lion, displayed her ferocity by roaring and baring her teeth.
6. propelled	v. to push or drive forward or onward	She <u>propelled</u> the small raft with her hands to reach the side of the pool.
7. conviction	n. a strong belief	Her <u>conviction</u> was on her face, and he couldn't help feeling the same.
8. anxious	Adj. fearful of what may happen; troubled; worried	She had an <u>anxious</u> feeling before taking the math test.
9. linger	v. to be slow in leaving or going away; continue or persist	How long did she <u>linger</u> in the hall before coming to class?
10. trudge	v. to walk slowly and heavily, as though with great effort	After a long day at school, Michael had to <u>trudge</u> up the large hill to get home.
11. portly	Adj. heavy or round; stout; fat	The short, <u>portly</u> man was tired after walking up the flight of stairs.
12. scan	v. to look over quickly but thoroughly; to examine closely	His mom had to <u>scan</u> his room for dirty clothes.
13. populace	n. all the inhabitants of a place; a population	He painted a portrait of the local city <u>populace</u> .
14. bluff	v. to mislead or deceive; to fake	“I will call your <u>bluff</u> ,” said Steven.
15. sheepishly	Adv. In a shy, bashful, or embarrassed way	She <u>sheepishly</u> walked to the front of the classroom to present her project.

