BOSTON, MA — The editors of the American Heritage® dictionaries have compiled a list of 100 words they recommend every high school graduate should know.

"The words we suggest," says senior editor Steven Kleinedler, "are not meant to be exhaustive but are a benchmark against which graduates and their parents can measurethemselves. If you are able to use these words correctly, you are likely to have a superior command of the language."

The following is the entire list of 100 words:

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