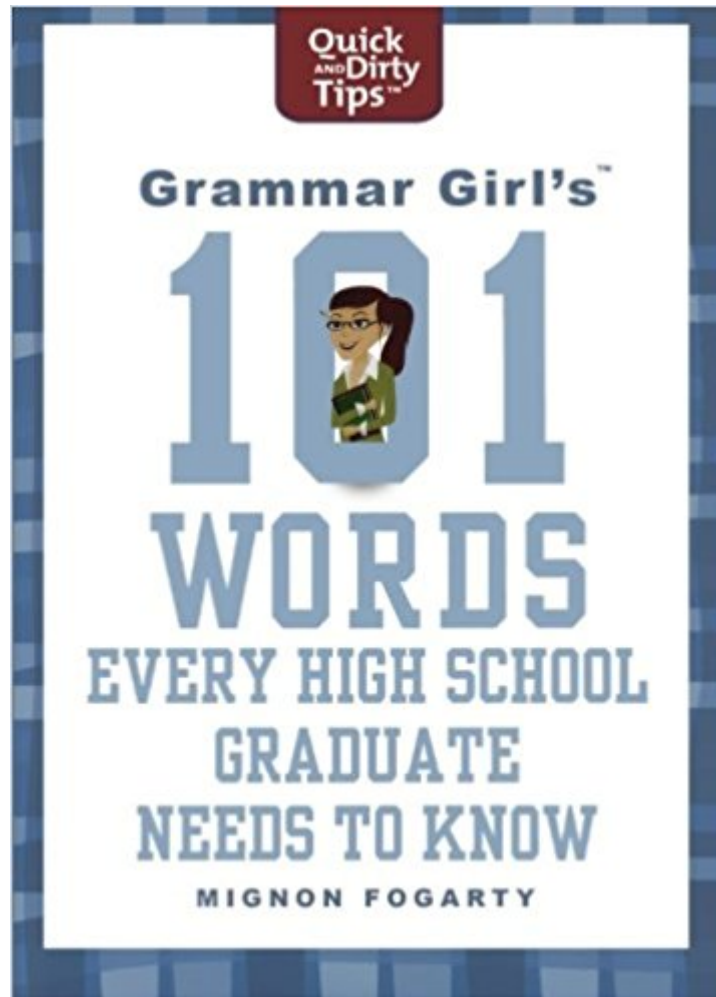


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# Grammar Girl's 101 Words Every High School Graduate Needs To Know (Quick & Dirty Tips)



## Synopsis

Millions of people around the world communicate better thanks to Mignon Fogarty, aka Grammar Girl, whose top-rated weekly grammar podcast has been downloaded more than 30 million times. Now she's turning her attention to improving our vocabulary—one word at a time—with Grammar Girl's 101 Words Every High School Graduate Needs to Know. Not sure whether your post-high school vocabulary is up to snuff? This handy reference guide is a great starting point for ensuring you know the words that will help you impress your college professors, hold your own among your peers, write killer papers, and simply sound articulate—a skill that will benefit you for years to come. Full of clear, straightforward definitions and fun quotations from luminaries such as J.D. Salinger and Susan B. Anthony, to characters such as Marge and Homer Simpson, this highly-useable guidebook gives you the confidence to succeed and sets you up for a lifetime of success.

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When I first flipped through this book, a few entries caught my eye. ("Glacier"? Really?) I wondered why Fogarty had included them in a list of words of importance for high school grads. Then I read it. Now I get it. (Yes, "glacier." Really.) The words in this book aren't necessarily ones that high school grads will know if they did their homework. I've seen similar lists for high school grads, and they usually include boring stuff like "hypothesis" that grads should know when they get a diploma. This one's different. If incoming college students knows these words, they'll be a step ahead in cultural

literacy and understanding the world around them, whether it's the news, politics and what the politicians are saying (or calling each other), technology (important in today's world), science (ditto), or even pop culture. The book has a fun tone. It's a quick and easy read with lots of white space (easy on the eyes) and humorous drawings. The words are alphabetical, and every letter of the alphabet gets at least one. A few of my favorites: galaxy (New etymology for me.) ironic (Please, please, people! Learn this one and use it correctly.) epic (And not just as "epic fail.") mandate (I love how it's got a history that's the reverse of verbification of nouns.) canard (New word for me.) ad hominem (A must-know for election years.) Romance languages (Before, I could have told you what they are, but I didn't know why until now.) ubiquitous (I love a good word joke, and you'll find one here.) The explanations are easy to understand, and each word gets a quotation to show how it's used. I really enjoyed these; they're totally entertaining.

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