

Nothing But The Truth, ch. 1-11 19 words

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A vocabulary list to accompany Avi's Nothing But The Truth. This list is intended to use for middle school students.

1. faculty

the body of teachers and administrators at a school

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Dr. Lancaster was an assistant secretary of state for Africa before joining the **faculty** of Georgetown's School of Foreign Service in 1981.*

— [Washington Post](#)

2. anthem

a song of devotion or loyalty (as to a nation or school)

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*The Lakers Band made a rare appearance on the court to play the national **anthem**.*

— [US News \(Nov 1, 2014\)](#)

3. drop out

give up in the face of defeat of lacking hope; admit defeat

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Nicholas **dropped out** of school in the eleventh grade and has been on and off the streets ever since.*

— [Class Matters](#)

4. capacity

capability to perform or produce

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*And wild celery, a native grass with little **capacity** to survive high salinity, all but disappeared, robbing young fish and shrimp of shelter.*

— [Washington Times \(Nov 2, 2014\)](#)

5. potential

existing in possibility

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*"These results show that our candidate vaccine has the **potential** to have a major public health impact."*

— [The Verge \(Nov 3, 2014\)](#)

6. contemporary

belonging to the present time

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Hispanic immigrants are the face of **contemporary** immigration in the United States.*

— [Seattle Times \(Oct 31, 2014\)](#)

7. municipal



relating or belonging to or characteristic of a municipality

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*That would generate enough electricity to power some **municipal** buildings or hundreds of homes.*
— [Washington Times \(Oct 30, 2014\)](#)

8. controversial



marked by or capable of arousing controversy

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Assisted suicide is **controversial** in the US, where it faces staunch opposition from Christian campaign groups, among others.*
— [BBC \(Nov 3, 2014\)](#)

9. temper



a sudden outburst of anger

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

***Tempers** flared at the Romanian embassy in Paris, which called in the French police for help, according to an election bureau spokesman.*
— [Reuters \(Nov 3, 2014\)](#)

10. ambition



a strong drive for success

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Her speech made no mention of her likely 2016 presidential **ambitions**, focusing squarely on next Tuesday's general election.*
— [Washington Times \(Oct 29, 2014\)](#)

11. bicker



argue over petty things

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Even as Beijing **bickers** with the U.S. over cyberspying and regional territorial disputes, it has been loading up on U.S.*
— [Time \(Jul 21, 2014\)](#)

12. stamina



enduring strength and energy

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*How do you keep up your **stamina** to tour with Lady Gaga?*
— [New York Times \(Oct 23, 2014\)](#)

13. allocate



distribute according to a plan or set apart for a special purpose

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Promised federal funds were either cut or never **allocated**.*
— [Washington Post](#)

14. flunk



fail to get a passing grade

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*It's as if Johnson isn't just struggling with current events; he's also **flunking** listening comprehension.*

— [MSNBC \(Sep 12, 2014\)](#)

15. **right** ✓

an abstract idea of that which is due to a person or governmental body by law or tradition or nature

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Yet, despite those numbers, just five states legally back the **right** to die.*

— [Los Angeles Times \(Nov 3, 2014\)](#)

16. **school board**

a board in charge of local public schools

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Your **School Board** voted unanimously to allow high-school seniors to pose with their guns in official portraits?*

— [Seattle Times \(Nov 1, 2014\)](#)

17. **insolence** ✓

an offensive disrespectful impudent act

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Punish their **insolence**, that henceforward they may not raise their eyes to those who were created for us and for whom we alone are made."*

— [Power, Eileen](#)

18. **infraction** ✓

a crime less serious than a felony

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*The tickets are for such **infractions** as speeding, tailgating and unsafe lane changes.*

— [Washington Times \(Sep 30, 2014\)](#)

19. **botch** ✓

make a mess of, destroy or ruin

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*The Browns took advantage of a **botched** trick play by Oakland to take a 3-0 lead.*

— [Washington Times \(Oct 26, 2014\)](#)
