

8th Grade Health Vocabulary Words

The numbers listed next to the word are the chapter that the word is found in. The numbers are there to help students know what words to study for each chapter.

Abandonment (3): removing oneself from those whose care is one's responsibility.

Abstinence from sex (2,5): choosing not to be sexually active.

Abuse (2): the harmful treatment of another person.

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) (8): a condition that results when infection with HIV causes a breakdown of the body's ability to fight other infections.

Active listening (1): a type of listening in which you let others know that you heard and understood what was said.

Addiction (3): a compelling need to continue a harmful behavior.

Affection (5): a fond or tender feeling for another person.

AIDS dementia (8): a loss of brain function caused by HIV infection.

Anemia (6): a condition in which the oxygen-carrying pigment in the blood is below normal.

AZT (8): a drug that slows down the rate at which HIV multiplies.

Balanced relationship (2): a relationship in which there is an exchange of giving and getting.

Bonding (6): a process in which people develop a feeling of closeness.

Breast self-examination (4): a monthly check for lumps and changes in the breasts.

Calculated risk (3): a chance that is worth taking after you consider the possible outcomes.

Cervix (4): the lower part of the uterus that connects to the vagina.

Childbirth (6): the process by which the baby moves from the uterus out of the mother's body.

Chlamydia (7): an STD that produces inflammation of the reproductive organs.