

# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Vocabulary List

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**Maneuver**

a military training exercise

**Marsupial**

a mammal the female of which has a pouch carrying the young

**Metaphor**

a mammal the female of which has a pouch carrying the young

**Mosaic**

design made of small pieces of colored stone or glass

**Mutation**

a change or alteration in form or qualities

**Nebula**

an immense cloud of gas and dust in interstellar space

**Nocturnal**

belonging to or active during the night

**Nuisance**

anything that disturbs, endangers life, or is offensive

**Omnivore**

an animal that feeds on both animal and vegetable substances

**Outrageous**

greatly exceeding bounds of reason or moderation

**Ozone**

a colorless gas that is a screen for ultraviolet radiation

**Parasite**

an animal or plant that lives in or on a host

**Participle**

a form of the verb used as an adjective

**Plateau**

a relatively flat highland

**Phloem**

plant tissue that conducts synthesized food substances

**Polygon**

a closed plane figure bounded by straight sides

**Protagonist**

the principal character in a work of fiction

**Pulverize**

make into a powder by breaking up or cause to become dust

**Quandary**

state of uncertainty in a choice between unfavorable options

**Quota**

a prescribed number

**Rainforest**

a densely wooded tropical area with heavy precipitation