

# COLORADO KIDS: WORD BANK

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## “New president takes office in D.C.”

**inauguration** – the ceremony to officially place the newly elected president into office

**qualify** – able to participate by meeting certain conditions

**Junior Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference (JrPYIC)** – a program that allows youth the opportunity to take part in the presidential inauguration

**inspirational** – very touching or meaningful

**Colin Powell** – United States general who was the first African American to serve as chief of staff and later served as Secretary of State under President George W. Bush.

**Al Gore** – Vice-President of the United States under President Bill Clinton

**Erik Weihenmayer** – a blind mountain climber

**National Mall** – the grassy park and pond in Washington D.C. stretching between the Lincoln Memorial and the Capitol with the Washington Monument toward the middle

**oath** – a promise

**obstacles** – difficulties to overcome

## “Mission: INAUGURATION”

**sworn in** – officially took an oath when starting a new job

**podcast** – a free video or audio (like a television or radio show) that you download from the Internet and play on your computer or other mobile device, like iPod or iPhone

**funding** – paying for something

**souvenirs** – an object that reminds someone of a special place, event, or person

## “Obama speaks to Americans and the world”

**U.S. Capitol** – the building in which U.S. lawmakers meet

**abroad** – overseas

**presidential oath** – the promise the newly-elected president makes upon taking over the job of presidency

**prosperous** – wealthy and successful

**electric grids** – a network of wires that provides electricity

**digital lines** – a high-speed communication system used for accessing the Internet

**harness** – to make use of

**dignity** – pride and self-respect

**forge** – establish something with effort

**heritage** – rich memories of the past being shared with the present

**culture** – what a society is like

**usher in** – to begin something new

## “Super Bowl XLIII set for battle”

**cap off** – finish

**American Football Conference (AFC)** – one of the two conferences of the National Football League

**National Football Conference (NFC)** – the other conference of the National Football League

**victors** – winners

**rival** – someone you compete against

**dominate** – win more than any other team  
**mediocre** – ordinary  
**clinch** – to make final  
**intriguing** – interesting in an unusual way  
**NFL** – National Football League  
**MVP** – Most Valuable Player  
**potent** – powerful  
**offense** – the players who try to score the points  
**relish** – enjoy  
**franchise** – a professional sports team that is a member of a league

**“Man stashes his trash for a year”**

**stash** – to hide away  
**footprint** – sometimes called carbon footprint. The amount of carbon dioxide you put into the air by your activities; can also be a vague (not real accurate) measurement of how much pollution a person or company produces  
**compost pile** – a heap of manure (animal waste), vegetation, and other organic products that are left to decay in order to improve the quality of and provide nutrients for the soil  
**recycle** – reuse everyday items  
**blog** - short for “web log” – an online diary or newsletter  
**disposable** – throwaway  
**waste footprint** – the amount of trash one person produces  
**sustainable** – what is good for the environment and will keep it ecologically safe for a long time  
**pun** – a play on words  
**tap water** – water from the tap (or faucet)  
**ecology** – the relationship between organisms (animal or human) and the habitat in which they live  
**representatives** – a member of the government elected by a city or state to represent (stand up for) that city or state  
**solar panels** -- large collector that traps sunlight and turns it into electricity

Word game below ▼



## MIX AND MATCH

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**Match the definition on the left to the correct Word Bank word on the right.**

Definition	Word Bank word
the amount of trash one person produces	<b>recycle</b>
powerful	<b>heritage</b>
pride and self-respect	<b>obstacles</b>
a free video or audio that you download from the Internet	<b>clinch</b>
ceremony that officially puts new president into office	<b>pun</b>
oath	<b>relish</b>
officially took an oath when starting a new job	<b>souvenir</b>
interesting in an unusual way	<b>inspirational</b>
win more than any other team	<b>cap off</b>
wealthy and successful	<b>sworn in</b>
finish	<b>potent</b>
reuse everyday items	<b>qualify</b>
very touching or meaningful	<b>inauguration</b>
paying for something	<b>culture</b>
rich memories of the past being shared with the present	<b>usher in</b>
ordinary	<b>waste footprint</b>
what a society is like	<b>rival</b>
someone you compete against	<b>intriguing</b>
enjoy	<b>prosperous</b>
an online diary or newsletter	<b>dominate</b>
to begin something new	<b>promise</b>
the players who try to score the points	<b>offense</b>
difficulties to overcome	<b>dignity</b>
able to participate by meeting certain conditions	<b>blog</b>
an object that reminds someone of a special place	<b>harness</b>
to make use of	<b>funding</b>
to make final	<b>podcast</b>
a play on words	<b>mediocre</b>