

# Vocabulary

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enmity	14	Deep seated hatred; State of being an enemy
decorous	15	Exhibiting appropriate behavior or conduct
chorister	22	A singer or leader of a choir
bastion	29	A stronghold or fortification; similar to a stronghold
hiatus	31	A gap or interruption in continuity; a break or pause

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ebullience	38	Zestful or spirited enthusiasm
recrimination	43	The act of accusing in return; opposing another charge
tumult	43	Commotion of a great crowd; disorder
tirade	45	A long angry or violent speech; a diatribe

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oppressive	49	Using power unjustly; burdensome
inscrutable	49	Difficult to understand, mysterious
vicissitudes	49	A change or variation; unexpected changes in life
declivities	54	Downward slopes, as of a hill
tacit	55	Not spoken; implied by actions or statements

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blatant	58	Totally or offensively obtrusive; very obvious
taboo	62	Excluded or forbidden from use or mention
sinewy	64	Lean and muscular; stringy and tough
malevolently	71	Having an ill will or wishing harm to others; malicious

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ludicrous	78	laughably and obviously absurd; foolish
ineffectual	79	Insufficient to produce an effect; useless
jeer	84	to abuse vocally; taunt or mock
inarticulate	89	Incomprehensible; unable to speak with clarity
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leviathan	105	Something very large; giant sea creature in the Bible
clamor	108	A loud outcry; great expression of discontent
mutinously		Unruly; insubordinate or constituting a mutiny
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crestfallen	117	Dispirited and depressed; dejected
impervious	121	Incapable of being penetrated or affected.
enterprise	122	An undertaking or business organization; industrious
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glowered	127	Looked at or stared angrily or sullenly
rebuke	128	To criticize sharply; check or repress
demure	133	Modest and reserved in manner or behavior
fervor	133	Great intensity of emotion; intense heat
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sauntered	150	To walk at a leisurely pace; stroll
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compelled	167	To force or drive; exert a strong, irresistible force on

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myopia	169	Nearsightedness
sniveling	170	To sniffle; complain or whine tearfully
quavered	174	Trembled, or spoke in a trembling voice
parried	179	Deflected or warded off; avoided
talisman	180	An object with magical power

  

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cordon	191	A line of people or ships stationed to guard
elephantine	194	The size of an elephant; enormous size/strength
epaulettes	200	A fringed strap worn on military uniforms

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