

Vocabulary

acquaint

(v) having personal knowledge or familiarity (often followed by "with")

ailing

(adj) in poor or weakened health or condition; sickly or sick.

alkali

(n) a soluble salt found in some soil composition, making it unfit for agriculture.

alternative

(n) the choice of one or more options.

anticipation

(n) the condition of expecting or hoping.

apprehensive

(adj) feeling fearful about future events.

arid

(adj) extremely dry, especially from lack of rainfall.



arid and desolate

bangle

(n) a bracelet in the form of a solid ring.

**banish**

(v) to force out or away.

bellow

(v) to make the deep, loud cry of a bull. to shout loudly and with a deep tone.

boggy

(adj) an area of soft, wet earth; marsh.

burden

(n) something that is carried or difficult to bear.

**christen**

(v) to give a name to or dedicate.

coax

(v) to get someone to do something by gentle urging.

colleen

(n) a girl or young woman of Irish nationality or descent.

commence

(v) to begin or start.

convenient

(adj) easily used for someone's needs, purposes, or comfort; useful.

cunning

(n) skill used in a sly or tricky way.
(adj) skilled at tricking others.

demented

(adj) mentally disturbed; mad; insane.

desirous

(adj) having desire; desiring.

desolate

(adj) without the things that are necessary or desirable for life.

dismally

(adj) full of gloom; sad.

dismount

(v) to get down from a horse or vehicle.

drifts

(n) a mass or bank made up of drifting matter such as snow.

**emigrate**

(v) to leave one country or region in order to settle in another.

encampment

(n) a place where a camp has been set up.

**enchanted**

(adj) to be under a magic spell; bewitch.

enterprising

(adj) willing to do things that require energy and imagination.

exceedingly

(adv) in a way that exceeds the usual; very; extremely.

fatigue

(n) the condition of being tired in body or mind.

ferried

(v) to carry by boat or airplane a short distance, often across water.

fleet

(adj) fast and graceful.

frail

(adj) weak or sickly. easily broken or damaged.

furiously

(adj) full of anger; wild with fury. very violent; fierce.

gaunt

(adj) very thin and bony.

genial

(adj) cheerful and friendly.

grate

(n) a frame of metal bars used as a covering or guard for a window or door. a frame of metal bars that holds the fuel in a furnace, stove, or fireplace.

gruel

(n) thin boiled oatmeal.

haze

(n) mist, smoke, or dust in the air, making it hard to see.

headway

(n) progress toward some goal. forward movement; progress.

**hoard**

(n) a collection or supply of something that is hidden or stored in order to have it available in the future.
(v) to collect or save up as a hoard.

horizon

(n) the line where the earth and the sky appear to meet.

imparted

(v) to make known; relate or disclose. to give all or a part of; bestow or transmit.

imprints

(n) a mark or design made by pressing or printing on a surface.

interfere

(v) to be or get in the way (usually followed by "with").

jaunt

(n) a short trip made for fun and pleasure.

lark

(n) a songbird with a long hind claw and a musical song.
(n) a happy adventure.

low

(v) to make the sound characteristic of a cow; moo.
(n) the sound made by cattle.

luxuriant

(adj) growing thickly and in great numbers; lush. fancy or having much decoration.

maroon

(v) to leave on an island or coast, far from other people; abandon.

ministering

(v) to care for; attend to.

mirage

(n) an illusion in which something is seen in the distance but is not really there.

mount

(v) to place oneself on top of.

nigh

(adv) close in position, time, or relationship; near.

notion

(n) an idea, opinion, or view.

ominous

(adj) giving a sign of future evil or trouble.

pacify

(v) to calm or bring back peace of mind to.

parasol

(n) a light umbrella used to protect against the sun.

**perils**

(n) the condition of being in danger or at risk.

perish

(v) to die or be destroyed by violence or in some other way that is not natural.

persistent

(adj) continuing, lasting, or holding on in a firm, steady way. lasting a long time.

pert

(adj) lively and spirited.

plight

(n) a state or situation, especially an unhappy or unlucky one; predicament.

portly

(adj) rather fat; stout.

procession

(n) a line or group of people or vehicles moving forward in a formal, orderly way.

**prospect**

(n) something that is expected or very likely to happen.

provision

(n) a supply of food.

quiver

(v) to shake or tremble slightly; shiver.

reconcile

(v) to overcome differences and restore a relationship between.

reins

(n) a set of leather straps attached to both ends of a horse's bridle bit. Using reins, a driver or rider can control the horse.

reluctant

(adj) not willing or enthusiastic.

replenish

(v) to make complete or full again; refill.

revive

(v) to give new health, strength, or life to.

rhythmical

(adj) having a strong rhythm.

salute

(v) to greet with an expression of respect or good will.



scanty

(adj) very small in size, quantity, or amount.

scoundrel

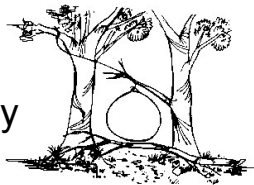
(n) a wicked person; villain.

singe

(v) to burn slightly on the surface, end, or edge.

snare

(n) a trap for catching small animals and birds. Snares usually have a noose.



soothe

(v) to make less angry, pained, or distressed; calm or comfort. to help take away; lessen; ease; relieve.

speculating

(v) to make guesses or wonder about something (often followed by "on" or "about").

stifling

(v) to kill by shutting off the air supply from; smother; suffocate.

summit

(n) the highest part; peak.



swollen

(v) to make larger by growth or pressure; expand.

sympathetic

(adj) feeling or showing understanding.

teamster

(n) one who drives a team or truck to transport goods, especially as an occupation.



timidly

(adj) not bold or confident with other people; shy.

treacherous

(adj) full of danger or risk.

trudge

(v) to walk in a heavy way with much effort or weariness.

vile

(adj) extremely bad, disgusting, or unpleasant.

wallow

(v) to roll the body in mud, sand, dirt, or water.

**wasteland**

(n) land where there are no living things or where nothing will grow.

windlasses

(n) a machine, powered by motor or hand, that pulls or lifts by a cable or rope wound around its horizontal, revolving axle or drum; winch.

