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bates

to diminish or make less strong

abhorred

hated; despised

addle-patted

dull-witted; stupid

agile

quick, nimble

almshouse

a home for the poor, supported by charity or public funds.

anguish

Extreme mental distress

apothecary

one who prepares and sells drugs for medicinal purposes

arduous

hard to do, requiring much effort

baffled

puzzled, confused

bilious

suffering from or suggesting a liver disorder or gastric distress

brandish

(v.) to wave or flourish in a menacing or vigorous fashion

cajoling

persuading by using flattery or promises

canteen

portable drinking flask

conceded

To acknowledge, often reluctantly, as being true, just, or proper; admit

condolences

expressions of sympathy

contracted (*will be on quiz*)

to catch or develop an illness or disease

cherub

a depiction of an angel

delectable

pleasing to the senses, especially to the sense of taste; delicious

demure

quiet and modest; reserved

despair

the feeling that everything is wrong and nothing will turn out well

destitute (*will be on quiz*)

extremely poor; lacking necessities like food and shelter

devoured

greedily eaten/consumed

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discreetly

without drawing attention

dollop

a blob or small amount of something

dote

shower with love

dowry

money or property brought by a woman to her husband at marriage

droll

comical in an odd or whimsical manner

epidemic

a widespread outbreak of an infectious disease

embers (*will be on quiz*)

Burning fragment

famished (*will be on quiz*)

extremely hungry

fervent

greatly emotional or zealous

fetid

(adj.) having an unpleasant or offensive odor associated with decay

fripperies

A showy article of clothing or a decorative item that is worn

gala

a public entertainment marking a special event, a festive occasion; festive, showy

gaunt

very thin especially from disease or hunger or cold

grippe

influenza; the flu

gumption

courage and initiative; common sense

gnarled

Knotted and twisted

haste (*will be on quiz*)

great speed

harrumphed

to clear or make the noise of clearing the throat

hearth

an open recess in a wall at the base of a chimney where a fire can be built

helter-skelter (*will be on quiz*)

hurried/confused

hoist

raised into position; lifted

homespun

made of cloth spun or woven in the home

imp

mischievous child

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implore

to plead urgently for aid or mercy

impudence (*will be on quiz*)

bold disrespect or rudeness

indulgence

an inability to resist the gratification of whims and desires

invalid

someone who is incapacitated by a chronic illness or injury

jalap

a sweet, yellow powder from the dried roots of a Mexican vine - used to cause vomiting

jaundiced (*will be on quiz*)

affected by jaundice which causes yellowing of skin etc

jostled

to bump, push, shove, brush against, or elbow roughly or rudely

lancet

a surgical knife with a pointed double-edged blade

larder

a small storeroom for storing foods or wines; pantry

mantle

wire mesh for light, covering

masons

a person who works with stone or brick

meager

small supply

methodically

orderly and systematically, following a systematical order.

miasma

unhealthy vapors rising from the ground or other sources

mutton

meat from a mature domestic sheep

odoriferous

having a strong fragrance

pallet

a mattress filled with straw or a pad made of quilts

parched

dried out by heat or excessive exposure to sunlight

peculiar

strange; queer; odd

peril

danger

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pestilence

a widespread disease

pursuit

The act of chasing after something

pewter

silver metal, often used for tableware and decoration

placid

calm, peaceful

prying

act of prying into someone's business, nosy

poultice

a medical dressing consisting of a soft heated mass of meal or clay that is spread on a cloth and applied to the skin to treat inflamed areas or improve circulation etc.

pummeled

pounded; beat

purge

an act of removing by cleansing

quill

pen made from a bird's feather

raspy

Harsh grating sound

recuperate

restore to good health or strength

relent

become less severe; give in(surrender); ADJ. relentless: unyielding; continuously severe

rouse

bring out of a state of inactivity

ruefully

causing sorrow or pity

rummaged

Searched thoroughly

scabbard

case for a sword blade; sheath

scullery

A small room adjoining a kitchen, in which dishwashing and other kitchen chores are done.

scurrilous

Coarsely abusive, vulgar or low (especially in language), foul-mouthed

shroud

something that covers or hides from view

skirmish (*will be on quiz*)

a minor fight or battle

slovenly (*will be on quiz*)

Untidy, dirty, careless

snare

a trap for birds or small mammals

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sniveling

speaking or acting in a whining, sniffing, tearful, or weakly emotional manner

spinster

an elderly unmarried woman

spiteful

mean or nasty

strongbox

a strongly made box for holding money or valuables

surreptitiously

done in a sneaky, secretive way

taunts

An insulting comment / sarcastic

tethered

tied to the ground or to another object

trifling (*will be on quiz*)

of little value, importance, or meaning

trundled

pushed or moved on wheels; rolled

turncoat

a person who switches to an opposing side or party; traitor

unpremeditated

not prepared or planned in advance

urchin

poor and often mischievous city child

valise

a small overnight bag for short trips

vehemently

with intense emotion

vigilant

on the alert; watchful

vile

disgusting

vivid

Bright, distinct, and clear.

weary

exhaust or tire through overuse or great strain or stress

wistful

yearning; sadly longing

wistfully

longingly; sadly remembering something nice

wraith

a mental representation of some haunting experience; a ghost

wretched

miserable; dreadful
