

Vocabulary Handbook

The Castle in the Attic
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Name: _____

	WORD PART	MEANING	PART OF SPEECH
a-	prefix	from, away	
-able	suffix	able to, can be done	adjective
ad-	prefix	to, toward	
-age	suffix		noun
-al	suffix		noun or adjective
-ant	suffix	person who	noun
ap-	prefix	to, toward	
apt	root	fitted to, joined	
-ate	suffix		adjective
capt (cap, ceit, cept)	root	catch, seize, take hold of	
ceit (cap, capt, cept)	root	catch, seize, take hold of	
com-	prefix	together, with	
con-	prefix	with	
cour (cor, cord)	root	heart	
cur	root	to give attention to, to take care of	
de-	prefix	not; away from	
dign	root	worthy of respect or honor	
dis-	prefix	separate; not	
dit	root	give	
-dom	suffix		noun
domit	root	tame, subdued	
dur (dura, duro)	root	hard, tough, lasting	
-ed	suffix		past tense verb adjective
-ede	suffix		noun
-eer	suffix	someone who	noun
emi (ami, amic)	root	friend	
en-	prefix	inward; to cause to be; not	
-er	suffix	someone who	noun
-ess	suffix	female	noun
ex-	prefix	out, out from, away	
fac	root	to make, to do, to cause	
fer	root	to carry, to bring	
flux	root	flow, smooth movement	
forc (fort)	root	power, strength	
fortun (fortu)	root	luck	

-ful	suffix	full of	adjective
-fy	suffix	make, do, cause	verb
harmon	root	fitting together, agreement	
honor (hono, honest)	root	honor, honesty	
-ia	suffix		noun
-ible	suffix	able to, can be done	adjective
-ic	suffix		adjective
-ice	suffix		noun
im- (in-)	prefix	in, into, inside; not	
in- (im-)	prefix	in, into, inside; not	
-ing	suffix		present tense verb
inter-	prefix	between, among, together	
-ious	suffix		adjective
ir-	prefix	not	
-ish	suffix	characteristic of, like	adjective
-ism	suffix	belief in, practice of	noun
-ist	suffix	someone who believes in	noun
-ity	suffix		noun
-ive	suffix		adjective
-less	suffix	lacking, without	adjective
memor	root	remember	
-ment	suffix		noun
migr	root	to move, wander	
mis-	prefix	bad, harsh, wrong	
mis	root	send, to cause to go	
motive (mot, mov)	root	move, motion	
nat	root	born, birth	
-ness	suffix		noun
not	root	to know, notice, recognize	
of- (ob-)	prefix	toward, before	
omen (omin)	root	foreboding, believed to indicate evil	
optim	root	best, exceptionally good	
-or	suffix	someone who	noun
ordi	root	to begin; order	
-ous	suffix		adjective
pact (pac, peac, peas)	root	peace, eased anger	

pari	root	to come into sight, visible	
pass	root	feeling	
pedi (ped, pio)	root	foot	
pio (ped, pedi)	root	foot	
point	root	punch, pierce, point, sting	
posit	root	placement, positioning	
prim (prin)	root	first, chief	
prin (prim)	root	first, chief	
pro-	prefix	before, place before	
prov	root	upright, good, honest	
quest	root	to seek, to ask	
re-	prefix	again	
-s	suffix	more than one	plural noun
sacr (sacro)	root	sacred, holy, religious	
silen	root	absence of sound, quiet	
-sion	suffix		noun
sol (soli)	root	alone, only	
spir (spira)	root	breath of life, spirit, soul	
spons	root	promise	
talis (teleo)	combining form	end, result, fulfillment	
tempt	root	to influence, to test	
tense	root	stretched, strained, taut	
termin	root	end, last, final	
-tion	suffix		noun
tra (treat)	root	draw together	
treacher	root	deceiver, trickster	
tyrann	root	absolute ruler, oppressor	
un-	prefix	not	
uni	root	one, single	
val (valid, vail, vale)	root	to be worth, to be strong	
vance	root	move forward	
vers	root	bend, turn	
-y	suffix		adjective

Vocabulary: Making Connections

Target Word:

quest

Context:

“...suddenly William is off on a fantastic quest to another land and another time—where a fiery dragon and an evil wizard are waiting to do battle...” (blurb).

What it is...

What it is not...

I'd probably find this word in these contexts (places, events, people, situations):

Text to World

I'll remember this word by connecting it to:

(word, phrase, sketch)

Vocabulary: Contrasts

In epic fantasy novels, there will always be a hero and a villain.

Target Words:

hero vs. villain

What it is...

What it is...

I'll remember this word by:

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Vocabulary: Making Connections

Target Word:

deceitful

Context:

“On Saturday morning, William took [the picture of Mrs. Phillips’s husband and her mother’s pearl circle pin] and hid them in the shoebox that held his rock collection” (Inferred on pp. 4 & 5).

William lies when his mother asks him if he’s seen Mrs. Phillips’s things (Inferred on p. 6).

What it is...

What it is not...

I’d probably find this word in these contexts (places, events, people, situations):

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Vocabulary: Making Connections

Target Word:

chivalry

Context:

“You have the kind of gentle soul that accepts the rules of chivalry. If you hadn’t turned out the way you did, William, I would never have entrusted the castle to you” (p. 9).

What it is...

What it is not...

I’d probably find this word in these contexts (places, events, people, situations):

Text to World

I’ll remember this word by connecting it to:

(word, phrase, sketch)

Vocabulary: Making Connections

Target Word:

tradition

Context:

“It’s a family tradition. You’re supposed to meet the Silver Knight on your own. My father made me do it that way...” (p. 13).

What it is...

What it is not...

I’d probably find this word in these contexts (places, events, people, situations):

Text to World

I’ll remember this word by connecting it to:

(word, phrase, sketch)

Vocabulary: Contrasts

Context:

“Are you friend or foe? I am not frightened by your size, my good sir, and I will fight you with every ounce of strength left in me, if that be your wish” (p. 21).

Target Words:

friend vs. foe

What it is...

What it is...

I'll remember this word by:

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Vocabulary: Making Connections

Target Word:

power

Context:

“I sensed, even then, [Alastor’s] desperate need to control people, to have power” (p. 33).

What it is...

What it is not...

I’d probably find this word in these contexts (places, events, people, situations):

Text to World

I’ll remember this word by connecting it to:

(word, phrase, sketch)

Vocabulary: Making Connections

Target Word:

legend

Context:

“He never talked to me all those years I played with him. There was that legend about him. Maybe it’s the same one the Silver Knight told you” (p. 48).

What it is...

What it is not...

I’d probably find this word in these contexts (places, events, people, situations):

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I’ll remember this word by connecting it to:

(word, phrase, sketch)

Vocabulary: Contrasts

Context:

“Alastor controlled my father’s every action” (Tyranny inferred on p. 36).

“I shall be going back to reclaim my kingdom from Alastor” (Freedom inferred on p. 51).

Target Words:

freedom vs. tyranny

What it is...

What it is...

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Vocabulary: Making Connections

Target Word:

unwilling

Context:

William is unwilling to let Mrs. Phillips leave.

What it is...

What it is not...

I'd probably find this word in these contexts (places, events, people, situations):

Text to World

I'll remember this word by connecting it to:

(word, phrase, sketch)

Vocabulary: Making Connections

Target Word:

disapproval

Context:

“My father would be furious if he knew there was a fire going in the attic” (Inferred on p. 58).

“...he knew underneath he could not face her disapproval again” (p. 77).

What it is...

What it is not...

I'd probably find this word in these contexts (places, events, people, situations):

Text to World

I'll remember this word by connecting it to:

(word, phrase, sketch)

Vocabulary: Making Connections

Target Word:

regret

Context:

“...I know I made a mistake” (Inferred on p. 96).

What it is...

What it is not...

I'd probably find this word in these contexts (places, events, people, situations):

Text to World

I'll remember this word by connecting it to:

(word, phrase, sketch)

Vocabulary: Making Connections

Target Word:

peace offering

Context:

“When he’d finally assembled everything on the bed it looked like a very odd assortment. One recorder, one bear, one box of candles, one toothbrush, one jar of marmite (as a peace offering to Mrs. Phillips)...” (p. 88).

What it is...

What it is not...

I’d probably find this word in these contexts (places, events, people, situations):

Text to World

I’ll remember this word by connecting it to:

(word, phrase, sketch)

Vocabulary: Making Connections

Target Word:

mercy

Context:

“Never kill a foe who is begging for mercy” (p. 98).

What it is...

What it is not...

I'd probably find this word in these contexts (places, events, people, situations):

Text to World

I'll remember this word by connecting it to:

(word, phrase, sketch)

Vocabulary: Making Connections

Target Word:

knight

Context:

“And whatever happens you must remember one thing...that you have within your heart the weapons you need. The heart and soul of a knight in the body of a squire” (p. 104).

What it is...

What it is not...

I'd probably find this word in these contexts (places, events, people, situations):

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I'll remember this word by connecting it to:

(word, phrase, sketch)

Vocabulary: Making Connections

Target Word:

tempted

Context:

“Strange apparitions will tempt you on every side, but no matter what, you must stay on the path” (p. 111).

“...he didn’t dare look too closely in case he was being tempted again” (p. 116).

What it is...

What it is not...

I’d probably find this word in these contexts (places, events, people, situations):

Text to World

I’ll remember this word by connecting it to:

(word, phrase, sketch)

Vocabulary: Making Connections

Target Word:

apparition

Context:

“Strange apparitions will tempt you on every side, but no matter what, you must stay on the path” (p. 111).

What it is...

What it is not...

I'd probably find this word in these contexts (places, events, people, situations):

Text to World

I'll remember this word by connecting it to:

(word, phrase, sketch)

Vocabulary: Making Connections

Target Word:

steadfast

Context:

“[William] wanted to reach the castle that day, if possible, and he didn’t want to hear any more terrible stories about the power of the wizard” (Inferred on pp. 121 & 122).

What it is...

What it is not...

I’d probably find this word in these contexts (places, events, people, situations):

Text to World

I’ll remember this word by connecting it to:

(word, phrase, sketch)

Vocabulary: Making Connections

Target Word:

compassionate

Context:

“Be compassionate to the needy” (p. 122).

What it is...

What it is not...

I'd probably find this word in these contexts (places, events, people, situations):

Text to World

I'll remember this word by connecting it to:

(word, phrase, sketch)

Vocabulary: Contrasts

Context:

“You must give up this foolish plan. Nobody can pass into the castle without Alastor’s permission” (p. 128).

Target Words:

foolish vs. wise

What it is...

What it is...

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Vocabulary: Making Connections

Target Word:

courage

Context:

“He was terrified...[He] faced the beast head on. The dragon looked stunned by the arrival of a rather small, not very well armed opponent...” (Inferred on p. 135).

What it is...

What it is not...

I'd probably find this word in these contexts (places, events, people, situations):

Text to World

I'll remember this word by connecting it to:

(word, phrase, sketch)

Vocabulary: Contrasts

Context:

“This time there were no scenes of fiery horror but only the terrified and lonely eyes of the cat imprisoned inside this grotesque green body” (p. 138).

Target Words:

imprisoned vs. freed

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