

# Lord of the Flies Vocabulary

## Chapter 3: Huts on the Beach

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- **festooned** - v - to decorate in the form of chains or strips hanging between two points
- **traces** - n - straps of an animal's harness (figurative here...means the vines)
- **unheeding** - v - to not give attention to
- **tendrils** - n - a leaf or stem modified into a slender spirally coil serving to attach a climbing plant to its support
- **bolting and nearly mad** - moving suddenly and sharply; crazed
- **cast** - v - to point or turn toward a target or a goal

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- **oppressive** - adj - difficult to endure
- **rouse** - v - to agitate or stir into action
- **gaudy** - adj - very showy or flashy
- **abyss** - n - a bottomless gulf or pit
- **furtive** - adj - done in a quiet and secretive way to avoid being noticed
- **avidly** - adv - marked by an eager and often selfish desire especially for material possessions
- **pallor** - n - paleness
- **trodden** - adj - trampled
- **inscrutable** - adj - not easily understood; mysterious
- **accustomed** - adj - often used
- **vicissitudes** - n - a favorable or unfavorable event or situation that occurs by chance
- **contraption** - n - a device or gadget

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- **contrite** - adj - feeling or showing sorrow and remorse for a sin or shortcoming
- **gesticulate** - v - to make gestures, especially when speaking

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- **solemn** - adj - dark and gloomy
- **compulsion** - n - an irresistible persistent impulse to perform an act
- **undertone** - n - an emotion underlying the surface of a comment
- **antagonism** - n - actively expressed opposition or hostility

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- **dashed** - adj - (UK, old-fashioned) extremely
- **batty/crackers** - adj - crazy

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- **attain** - v - to come into possession of
- **incredulous** - adj - unbelieving; skeptical
- **indignant** - adj - feeling or showing anger because of something unjust or unworthy

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- **feeble** - adj - lacking in strength
- **declivities** - n - downward; a descending slope
- **bewildered** - adj - deeply or utterly confused or perplexed
- **rapt** - adj - totally absorbed
- **indignation** - n - anger aroused by something unjust, unworthy, or mean

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- **tacit** - adj - expressed without word or speech

- **wicked** - adj - marked by mischief

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- **accustomed** - adj - often used or practiced
- **unintelligibly** - adv - unable to be understood or comprehended
- **foliage** - n - a cluster of leaves, flowers, and branches
- **inscrutably** - adv - not easily understood; mysterious
- **clamorously** - adv - marked by loud, confused cries
- **founded** - v - to become disabled or submerged; sink
- **aromatic** - adj - having a noticeable and pleasant smell
- **flaunted** - v - displayed in a way designed to attract attention

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- **furtive** - adj - done in a quiet and secretive way to avoid being noticed
- **gaudy** - adj - overly elaborate or tastelessly decorated
- **undertone** - n - a quality underlying the surface of an action
- **susurration** - n - a whispering sound or a murmur
- **riotous** - adj - a random or disorderly display