

Lord of the Flies Vocabulary

Chapter 10: The Shell and the Glasses

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- **impaired** - adj - being in an imperfect or weakened state or condition

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- **befouled** - v - to make foul (as with dirt or waste)
- **caressingly** - adv - to treat with fondness, affection, or kindness : CHERISH
- **shrill** - adj - having or emitting a sharp high-pitched tone or sound : PIERCING
- **gesticulate** - v - to make gestures especially when speaking
- **stricken** - adj - overwhelmed as if by disease, misfortune, or sorrow

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- **loathing** - n - extreme disgust

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- **stifled** - v - to withhold expression; to cut off (the voice, the breath, etc.)

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- **crag** - n - a steep rugged rock or cliff
- **somberly** - adv - darkly, gloomily
- **torrid** - adj - parched with heat especially of the sun : HOT

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- **illumination** - n - an understanding; a revelation
- **assimilate** - v - to be taken in or absorbed
- **bleak** - adj - lacking in warmth, life, or kindness; not hopeful or encouraging : DEPRESSING
- **vague** - adj - not clearly defined, grasped, or understood : INDISTINCT
- **earnest** - adj - proceeding from an intense and serious state of mind
- **interrogative** - adj - questioning

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- **daunt** - v - to lessen the courage of : COW, SUBDUE
- **implication** - n - something implied
- **theological speculation** - n - a pondering about religion...in this case, the beast.

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- **dredged** - v - to dig, gather, or pull out

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- **the Reds** - n - Russians

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- **tendril** - n - a stem modified into a slender spirally coiling organ
- **woe-begone** - adj - exhibiting great woe, sorrow, or misery

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- **oblong** - n - an object or flat figure in an elongated rectangle or oval shape
- **subside** - v - to become quiet or less
- **composite** - n - made up of distinct parts or elements

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- **writhing** - v - to twist into coils or folds; to twist from or as if from pain or struggling
- **flit** - v - to pass quickly or abruptly from one place or condition to another
- **quavering** - adj - trembling

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- **bowstave** - n - a trimmed rod of wood to be made into a shooting bow
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Chapter 11: Castle Rock

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- **luminous** - adj - bathed in steady light
- **myopia** - n - nearsightedness

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- **multitudinous** - adj - existing in great number
- **propitiatingly** - adv - to gain or regain the favor or goodwill of
- **vitality** - n - lively and animated character
- **immense** - adj - marked by greatness especially in size or degree

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- **accord** - v - to be consistent or in harmony
- **prospect** - v - to explore an area
- **pinnacle** - n - a structure or formation suggesting a lofty peak: spire

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- **silvery** - adj - light, pleasant, and musical (in this context, mockingly)
- **ludicrous** - adj - amusing or laughable through obvious absurdity or exaggeration
- **derisive** - adj - expressing or causing hateful ridicule or scorn
- **pinched** - v - stole
- **bunged-up** - slang - messed up...in this context, injured and swollen

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- **saber** - n - a cavalry sword with a curved blade, thick back, and guard
- **truculent** - adj - feeling or displaying ferocity : CRUEL, SAVAGE
- **inscrutable** - adj - not easily understood : MYSTERIOUS
- **falter** - v - to hesitate in purpose or action

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- **cessation** - n - a temporary or final ceasing (as of action)

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- **felled** - v - having been cut or knocked down
- **astonished** - adj - feeling or showing great surprise or wonder

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- **menace** - n - a show of intention to inflict harm : THREAT
- **bristled** - v - to furnish with short stiff coarse hairs (in this case, spears) AND to make aggressive or angry. Both meanings apply here.
- **incantation** - n - a use of spells spoken as a part of a ritual of magic
- **delirious abandonment** - an excited state of not caring

Chapter 12: Cry of the Hunters

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- **impaired** - adj - being in an imperfect or weakened state or condition

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- **cynically** - adv - distrustful of human nature and motives
- **inquisitive** - adj - given to examination or investigation

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- **pax** - n - peace

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- **striped and inimical** - painted and hostile
- **essayed** - v - to make an experimental effort to perform : TRY

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- **ululation** - n - a loud, long, high-pitched, rhythmical sound especially as an expression of sorrow, joy, celebration, or reverence : HOWL
- **thicket** - n - a dense growth of shrubbery or small trees : COPSE
- **ensconce** - v - shelter; conceal
- **cordon** - n - a line of troops enclosing an area to prevent passage
- **diddle** - v - to fool, swindle

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- **crepitation** - n - a crackling sound

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- **balked** - v - to stop as if by an obstacle : BLOCK

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- **inevitable** - adj - incapable of being avoided or evaded
- **simpleton** - n - a person lacking in common sense
- **excruciatingly** - adv - causing great pain or anguish

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- **fathom-wide** - adj - six-foot-wide