

The Great Gatsby

Vocabulary

CHAPTER 1:

Feign: (V) -to imitate deceptively; to make believe; pretend.

Supercilious: (Adj.) -having or showing arrogant superiority to and disdain of those one views as unworthy.

Conscientious: (Adj.) -meticulous; careful; painstaking; particular.

Incredulous: (Adj.) -indicating or showing unbelief.

Reciprocal: (Adj.) -mutual; corresponding; matching; complementary; equivalent.

Wan: (Adj.) -of an unnatural or sickly pallor; pallid; lacking color.

Complacent: (Adj.) -often without awareness of some potential danger or defect; self-satisfied.

Intimation: (V) -make known subtly and indirectly; hint.

Infinite: (Adj.) -indefinitely or exceedingly large.

Anon: (Adv.) -in a short time; soon.

CHAPTER 2:

Contiguous: (Adj.) -connecting without a break; uninterrupted.

Facet: (N) -aspect; phase; side.

Cower: (V) -to crouch, as in fear or shame.

Interpose: (V) -to step in between parties at variance; mediate.

Apathetic: (Adj.) -not interested or concerned; indifferent or unresponsive.

Languid: (Adj.) -lacking in spirit or interest; listless; indifferent.

Imply: (V) -to indicate or suggest without being explicitly stated.

Strident: (Adj.) -having a shrill, irritating quality or character.

Deft: (Adj.) -nimble; skillful; clever.

Clad: (Adj.) -dressed; covered.

CHAPTER 3:

Permeate: (V) -to pass into or through every part of; to penetrate through the pores; to be diffused through; pervade; saturate.

Innuendo: (N) -an indirect comment about a person or thing, esp. of a disparaging or a derogatory nature.

Erroneous: (Adj.) -containing error; mistaken; incorrect; wrong.

Vehement: (Adj.) -strongly emotional; intense or passionate.

Cordial: (Adj.) -courteous and gracious; friendly; warm.

Impetuous: (Adj.) -characterized by sudden or rash action, emotion, etc.; impulsive.

Vacuous: (Adj.) -lacking in ideas or intelligence.

Corpulent: (Adj.) -large or bulky of body; portly; stout; fat.

Provincial: (Adj.) -having the manners, and viewpoints considered characteristic of unsophisticated inhabitants of a province; rustic; narrow or illiberal.

Din: (N) -a loud, confused noise; a continued loud or tumultuous sound; noisy clamor.

CHAPTER 4:

Knickerbocker: (N) -any New Yorker.

Fluctuate: (V) -to change continually; shift back and forth.

Sporadic: (Adj.) -appearing or happening at irregular intervals in time; occasional.

Divine retribution: (N) -punishment from a higher being for bad deeds or transgressions.

Rajah: (N) -a king or prince in India; a minor chief or dignitary.

Elicit: (V) -to draw or bring out or forth; educe; evoke.

Valor: (N) -heroic courage; bravery.

Somnambulatory: (Adj.) -related to sleep walking.

Denizen: (N) -an inhabitant; a resident; one that frequents a particular place.

Jaunty: (Adj.) -easy and sprightly in manner or bearing.

CHAPTER 5:

Rout: (N) -an overwhelming defeat.

Suppress: (V) -to do away with; abolish; stop.

Innumerable: (Adj.) -very numerous; incapable of being counted; countless.

Ecstatic: (Adj.) -subject to or in a state of ecstasy; rapturous.

Reproach: (V) -to find fault with (a person, group, etc.); blame.

Serf: (N) -a slave.

Obstinate: (Adj.) -inflexible; stubborn; not yielding.

Exult: (V) -to show or feel a lively or triumphant joy; rejoice; be highly elated or jubilant.

Hulking: (Adj.) -heavy and clumsy; bulky.

Nebulous: (Adj.) -hazy, vague, indistinct, or confused.

CHAPTER 6:

Laudable: (Adj.) -deserving praise; praiseworthy; commendable.

Insidious: (Adj.) -intended to entrap or trick.

Repose: (N) -peace; tranquility; calm.

Debauch: (N) -an uninhibited spree or party.

Antecedent: (N) -a preceding circumstance, event, object, style, phenomenon.

Ingratiate: (V) -to establish (oneself) in the favor or good graces of others by deliberate effort.

Perturb: (N) -to throw into great disorder; derange; bother; annoy.

Dilatory: (Adj.) -tending to delay or procrastinate; slow; tardy.

Desolate: (Adj.) -barren or laid waste; devastated; deprived or destitute of inhabitants; deserted; uninhabited; solitary; lonely.

Elusive: (Adj.) -hard to express or define; cleverly or skillfully evasive.

CHAPTER 7:

Lapse: (N) -a slip or error, often of a trivial sort; failure. (V) -to come to an end; stop.

Insistent: (Adj.) -earnest or emphatic in dwelling upon, maintaining, or demanding something; persistent.

Tentative: (Adj.) -unsure; uncertain; not definite or positive; hesitant.

Abrupt: (Adj.) -sudden or unexpected.

Tumult: (N) -uproar; disorder; highly distressing agitation of mind or feeling.

Portentous: (Adj.) -ominous, predictive of future bad events.

Irreverent: (Adj.) -not respectful; critical of what is generally accepted or respected.

Vicarious: (Adj.) -taking the place of another person or thing; acting or serving as a substitute.

Rancor: (N) -resentment or ill will; hatred; malice.

Formidable: (Adj.) -of great strength; forceful; powerful.

CHAPTER 8:

Humidor: (N) -a container or storage room for cigars or other preparations of tobacco, fitted with means for keeping the tobacco suitably moist.

Indiscernible: (Adj.) -cannot be seen or perceived clearly; imperceptible.

Settee: (N) -a seat for two or more persons, having a back and usually arms, and often upholstered.

In cahoots: (Phrase) -in partnership; in league with; in conspiracy.

Divot: (N) -a piece of turf gouged out with a club in making a stroke.

Garrulous: (Adj.) -excessively talkative in a rambling, roundabout manner, esp. about trivial matters.

Incoherent: (Adj.) -without logical or meaningful connection; disjointed; rambling.

Conceivable: (Adj.) -imaginable; believable.

Forlorn: (Adj.) -desolate or dreary; unhappy or miserable, as in feeling, condition, or appearance.

Laden: (Adj.) -burdened; loaded down.

CHAPTER 9:

Pasquinade: (N) -a satire or lampoon, esp. one posted in a public place.

Derange: (V) -to disturb the condition, action, or function of; to make insane.

Surmise: (V) -to think or infer without certain or strong evidence; conjecture; guess.

Superfluous: (Adj.) -being more than is sufficient or required; excessive; unnecessary or needless.

Elocution: (N) -a person's manner of speaking or reading aloud in public.

Unutterable: (Adj.) -unspeakable; beyond expression.

Subtle: (Adj.) -difficult to perceive or understand.

Orgastic: (Adj.) - at the height of emotional excitement.

Borne: (V) -carried.

Ceaselessly: (Adv.) -without stopping or pausing; unendingly; incessantly.

