

The Great Gatsby Vocabulary

Chapter 1

1. **Feign:** (V.) -to imitate deceptively; to make believe; pretend.
2. **Supercilious:** (Adj.) -having or showing arrogant superiority to and disdain of those one views as unworthy.
3. **Conscientious:** (Adj.) -meticulous; careful; painstaking; particular.
4. **Incredulous:** (Adj.) -indicating or showing unbelief.
5. **Reciprocal:** (Adj.) -mutual; corresponding; matching; complementary; equivalent.
6. **Wan:** (Adj.) -of an unnatural or sickly pallor; pallid; lacking color.
7. **Complacent:** (Adj.) -often without awareness of some potential danger or defect; self-satisfied.
8. **Intimation:** (V.) -make known subtly and indirectly; hint.
9. **Infinite:** (Adj.) -indefinitely or exceedingly large.
10. **Anon:** (Adv.) -in a short time; soon.

Chapter 2

1. **Contiguous:** (Adj.) -connecting without a break; uninterrupted.
2. **Facet:** (N.) -aspect; phase; side.
3. **Cower:** (V.) -to crouch, as in fear or shame.
4. **Interpose:** (V.) -to step in between parties at variance; mediate.
5. **Apathetic:** (Adj.) -not interested or concerned; indifferent or unresponsive.
6. **Languid:** (Adj.) -lacking in spirit or interest; listless; indifferent.
7. **Imply:** (V.) -to indicate or suggest without being explicitly stated.
8. **Strident:** (Adj.) -having a shrill, irritating quality or character.
9. **Deft:** (Adj.) -nimble; skillful; clever.
10. **Clad:** (Adj.) -dressed; covered.

Chapter 3

1. **Permeate:** (V.) -to pass into or through every part of; to penetrate through the pores; to be diffused through; pervade; saturate.
2. **Innuendo:** (N.) -an indirect comment about a person or thing, esp. of a disparaging or a derogatory nature.
3. **Erroneous:** (Adj.) -containing error; mistaken; incorrect; wrong.
4. **Vehement:** (Adj.) -strongly emotional; intense or passionate.
5. **Cordial:** (Adj.) -courteous and gracious; friendly; warm.
6. **Impetuous:** (Adj.) -characterized by sudden or rash action, emotion, etc.; impulsive.
7. **Vacuous:** (Adj.) -lacking in ideas or intelligence.
8. **Corpulent:** (Adj.) -large or bulky of body; portly; stout; fat.
9. **Provincial:** (Adj.) -having the manners, and viewpoints considered characteristic of unsophisticated inhabitants of a province; rustic; narrow or illiberal.
10. **Din:** (N.) -a loud, confused noise; a continued loud or tumultuous sound; noisy clamor.

Chapter 4

1. **Knickerbocker:** (N.) -any New Yorker.
2. **Fluctuate:** (V.) -to change continually; shift back and forth.
3. **Sporadic:** (Adj.) -appearing or happening at irregular intervals in time; occasional.
4. **Divine retribution:** (N.) -punishment from a higher being for bad deeds or transgressions.
5. **Rajah:** (N.) -a king or prince in India; a minor chief or dignitary.
6. **Elicit:** (V.) -to draw or bring out or forth; educe; evoke.
7. **Valor:** (N.) -heroic courage; bravery.
8. **Somnambulatory:** (Adj.) -related to sleep walking.
9. **Denizen:** (N.) -an inhabitant; a resident; one that frequents a particular place.
10. **Jaunty:** (Adj.) -easy and sprightly in manner or bearing.

Chapter 5

1. **Rout:** (N.) -an overwhelming defeat.
2. **Suppress:** (V.) -to do away with; abolish; stop.
3. **Innumerable:** (Adj.) -very numerous; incapable of being counted; countless.
4. **Ecstatic:** (Adj.) -subject to or in a state of ecstasy; rapturous.
5. **Reproach:** (V.) -to find fault with (a person, group, etc.); blame.
6. **Serf:** (N.) -a slave.
7. **Obstinate:** (Adj.) -inflexible; stubborn; not yielding.
8. **Exult:** (V.) -to show or feel a lively or triumphant joy; rejoice; be highly elated or jubilant.
9. **Hulking:** (Adj.) -heavy and clumsy; bulky.
10. **Nebulous:** (Adj.) -hazy, vague, indistinct, or confused.

Chapter 6

1. **Laudable:** (Adj.) -deserving praise; praiseworthy; commendable.
2. **Insidious:** (Adj.) -intended to entrap or trick.
3. **Repose:** (N.) -peace; tranquility; calm.
4. **Debauch:** (N.) -an uninhibited spree or party.
5. **Antecedent:** (N.) -a preceding circumstance, event, object, style, phenomenon.
6. **Ingratiate:** (V.) -to establish (oneself) in the favor or good graces of others by deliberate effort.
7. **Perturb:** (N.) -to throw into great disorder; derange; bother; annoy.
8. **Dilatory:** (Adj.) -tending to delay or procrastinate; slow; tardy.
9. **Desolate:** (Adj.) -barren or laid waste; devastated; deprived or destitute of inhabitants; deserted; uninhabited; solitary; lonely.
10. **Elusive:** (Adj.) -hard to express or define; cleverly or skillfully evasive.

Chapter 7

1. **Lapse:** (N.) -a slip or error, often of a trivial sort; failure. (V.) -to come to an end; stop.
2. **Insistent:** (Adj.) -earnest or emphatic in dwelling upon, maintaining, or demanding something; persistent.
3. **Tentative:** (Adj.) -unsure; uncertain; not definite or positive; hesitant.
4. **Abrupt:** (Adj.) -sudden or unexpected.
5. **Tumult:** (N.) -uproar; disorder; highly distressing agitation of mind or feeling.
6. **Portentous:** (Adj.) -ominous, predictive of future bad events.
7. **Irreverent:** (Adj.) -not respectful; critical of what is generally accepted or respected.
8. **Vicarious:** (Adj.) -taking the place of another person or thing; acting or serving as a substitute.
9. **Rancor:** (N.) -resentment or ill will; hatred; malice.
10. **Formidable:** (Adj.) -of great strength; forceful; powerful.

Chapter 8

1. **Humidor:** (N.) -a container or storage room for cigars or other preparations of tobacco, fitted with means for keeping the tobacco suitably moist.
2. **Indiscernible:** (Adj.) -cannot be seen or perceived clearly; imperceptible.
3. **Settee:** (N.) -a seat for two or more persons, having a back and usually arms, and often upholstered.
4. **In cahoots:** (Phrase) -in partnership; in league with; in conspiracy.
5. **Divot:** (N.) -a piece of turf gouged out with a club in making a stroke.
6. **Garrulous:** (Adj.) -excessively talkative in a rambling, roundabout manner, esp. about trivial matters.
7. **Incoherent:** (Adj.) -without logical or meaningful connection; disjointed; rambling.
8. **Conceivable:** (Adj.) -imaginable; believable.
9. **Forlorn:** (Adj.) -desolate or dreary; unhappy or miserable, as in feeling, condition, or appearance.
10. **Laden:** (Adj.) -burdened; loaded down.

Chapter 9

1. **Pasquinade:** (N.) -a satire or lampoon, esp. one posted in a public place.
2. **Derange:** (V.) -to disturb the condition, action, or function of; to make insane.
3. **Surmise:** (V.) -to think or infer without certain or strong evidence; conjecture; guess.
4. **Superfluous:** (Adj.) -being more than is sufficient or required; excessive; unnecessary or needless.
5. **Elocution:** (N.) -a person's manner of speaking or reading aloud in public.
6. **Unutterable:** (Adj.) -unspeakable; beyond expression.
7. **Subtle:** (Adj.) -difficult to perceive or understand.
8. **Orgastic:** (Adj.) - at the height of emotional excitement.
9. **Borne:** (V.) -carried.
10. **Ceaselessly:** (Adv.) -without stopping or pausing; unendingly; incessantly.