

Vocabulary

Chapter 1

Impertinent p.4 *adjective* – given to or characterized by insolent rudeness

Satirical p.5 *adjective* – relating to, or constituting satire (irony, or sarcasm used to expose and discredit vice or folly)

Pervaded p.6 *verb* – to become diffused throughout every part of

Tranquility p.7 *noun* – the state of being free from agitation of mind or spirit

Soberly p.7 *adverb* – marked by sedate or gravely or earnestly thoughtful character or demeanor

Frolics p.8 *noun* – an occasion or scene of fun

Brood p.10 *verb* – to ponder

Draughted (drafted) p.10 *verb* – to be enrolled for military service

Endured p.11 *verb* – to remain firm under suffering or misfortune without yielding

Renouncing p.12 *verb* – to give up, refuse, or resign usually by formal declaration

Chapter 2

Pious p.15 *adjective* – marked by or showing reverence for deity and devotion to divine worship

Abashed p.16 *adjective* – made to feel uncomfortable, disconcerted, or embarrassed by something that has happened or been done or said

Impetuously p.17 *adverb* – marked by impulsive vehemence or passion

Gayest p.18 *adjective* – happily excited; merry

Revels p.19 *noun* – a usually wild party or celebration

Agitation p.20 *noun* – a moving back and forth or with an irregular, rapid, or violent action

Gilded p.21 *verb* – to overlie with or as if with a thin covering of gold

Propriety p.22 *noun* – a conformity to what is socially acceptable in conduct or speech

Convent p.22 *noun* – a local community or house of a religious order or congregation; an establishment of nuns

Gesticulate p.22 *verb* – to make gestures especially when speaking

Chapter 3

Russets p.25 *noun* – a coarse homespun usually reddish-brown cloth

Mortified p.26 *adjective* – feeling or showing strong shame or embarrassment

Blithely p.27 *adverb* – of a happy lighthearted character or disposition

Petulantly p.27 *adverb* – insolent or rude in speech or behavior

Timid p.29 *adjective* – lacking in courage or self-confidence

Chapter 4

Irascible p.40 *adjective* – marked by hot temper and easily provoked anger

Degradation p.43 *noun* – to act or process of degrading

Impertinent p.44 *adjective* – not restrained within due or proper bounds especially of propriety or good taste

Morally p.47 *adverb* – of or relating to principles of right and wrong in behavior

Chapter 5

Scandalizing p.49 *verb* – to speak falsely or maliciously of

Revelled (reveled) p.53 *verb* – to take intense pleasure or satisfaction

Admiration p.54 *noun* – a feeling of respect and approval

Vivacity p.57 *noun* – the quality state of being lively in temper, conduct, or spirit

Disposition p.58 *noun* – prevailing tendency, mood, or inclination

Sentimental p.59 *adjective* – marked or governed by feeling, sensibility, or emotional idealism

Chapter 6

Benefactors p.60 *noun* – someone or something that provides help or an advantage

Indolent p.61 *adjective* – showing an inclination to laziness

Truant p.61 *noun* – one who shirks duty

Anecdotes p.62 *noun* – a usually short narrative of an interesting, amusing, or biographical incident

Idol p.63 *noun* – an object of extreme devotion; something worshipped

Beatitude p.63 *noun* – a state of utmost bliss

Chapter 7

Resented p.68 *verb* – to feel or express annoyance or ill will at

Ferule p.70 *noun* – school discipline

Inexorable p.71 *adjective* – not to be persuaded, moved, or stopped

Culprit's p.72 *noun* – one accused of or charge with a crime

Ignominious p.72 *adjective* – marked with or characterized by disgrace or shame

Demoiselles p.73 *noun* – young ladies

Conceited p.74 *adjective* – having or showing an excessively high opinion of oneself

Pensive p.74 *adjective* – suggestive or sad thoughtfulness

Chapter 8

Coaxingly p.76 *adverb* – to influence or gently urge by caressing or flattering

Resolutely p.77 *adverb* – marked by firm determination

Garret p.79 *noun* – a room or unfinished part of a house just under the roof

Breach p.80 *noun* – a break in accustomed friendly relations

Abominable p.80 *adjective* – worthy of or causing disgust or hatred

Refractory p.82 *adjective* – resisting control or authority; stubborn, unmanageable

Remorsefully p.83 *adverb* – motivated or marked by a sense of guilt for past wrongs

Chapter 9

Replenished p.87 *verb* – to fill or build again

Tarleton (tarlatan) p.88 *noun*- a sheer cotton fabric in open plain weave usually heavily sized for stiffness

Penitent p.98 *adjective* – feeling or expressing humble or regretful pain or sorrow for sins or offenses

Alacrity p.98 *noun* – promptness in response; cheerful readiness

Modest p.102 *adjective* – placing a moderate estimate on one's abilities or worth

Chapter 10

Picturesque p.105 *adjective* – resembling a picture

Orations p.113 *noun* – an elaborate discourse delivered in a formal and dignified manner

Chapter 11

Presided p.118 *verb* – to exercise guidance, direction, or control

Matronly p.118 *adjective*- having the character of or suitable to a married woman marked by dignified maturity or social distinction

Viands p.118 *noun* – an item of food; especially a choice or tasty dish

Epitaph p.122 *noun* – an inscription on or at a tomb or a grave in memory of the one buried there

Ennui p.124 *noun* – a feeling of weariness and dissatisfaction; boredom

Chapter 12

Commendation p.128 *noun* – the act of praising or approving of someone or something

Copiously p.129 *adverb*- yielding something abundantly

Remonstrated p.130 *verb* – to say or plead in protest, reproof, or opposition

Ubiquitous p.132 *adjective* – existing or being everywhere at the same time; constantly

Dyspeptic p.134 *noun* – having indigestion

Rigmarole p.135 *noun* – confused or meaningless talk

Effigies p.136 *noun* – an image or representation especially of a person

Chaperone p.142 *noun* – a person (such as a matron) who for propriety accompanies one or more young unmarried women in public or in mixed company

Lackadaisical p.145 *adjective* – lacking life, spirit, or zest

Demonstrative p.145 *adjective* – demonstrating as real or true

Chapter 13

Celestial p.149 *adjective* – of relating to, or suggesting heaven or divinity

Chapter 14

Billiard p.158 *noun* – any of several games played on an oblong table by driving small balls against one another or into pocket with a cue

Condescension p.164 *noun* – patronizing attitude or behavior

Chapter 15

Panacea p.168 *noun* – a remedy for all ills or difficulties; a cure-all

Consoler p.173 *noun* – someone who helps alleviate grief, sense of loss, or trouble of; one who comforts

Benignant p.174 *adjective* – serenely mild and kindly

Chapter 16

Prudent p.176 *adjective* – marked by wisdom or judiciousness

Despondent p.176 *adjective* – feeling or showing extreme discouragement, dejection, or depression

Anxiety p.178 *noun* – apprehensive uneasiness or nervousness usually over an impending and anticipated ill: a state of being anxious

Chapter 17

Virtue p.185 *noun* – conformity to a standard of right; a particular moral excellence

Stamina p.192 *noun* – the bodily or mental capacity to sustain a prolonged effort or activity: endurance

Chapter 18

Irksome p.194 *adjective* – tiresome because of length or dullness: tedious

Chapter 19

Lame p.203 *adjective* – having a body part and especially a limb so disabled as to impair freedom of movement

Codicils p.210 *noun* – a legal instrument made to modify an earlier will

Chapter 20

Reposeful p.212 *adjective* – of a kind to induce ease and relaxation

Miser p.212 *noun* – a mean grasping person; especially one who is extremely stingy with money

Capital p.212 *adjective* - excellent

Vex p.213 *verb* – to bring trouble, distress, or agitation to

Reprehensible p.216 *adjective* – worthy of or deserving disapproval of

Chapter 21

Incorrigible p.218 *adjective* – not manageable: unruly

Roguish p.221 *adjective* – corrupt, dishonest

Penances p.223 *noun* – an act of self-abasement, mortification, or devotion performed to show sorrow or repentance for sin

Alluded p.229 *verb* – to make indirect reference: refer

Chapter 22

Precipitately p.234 *adverb* – falling, flowing, or rushing with steep descent

Chapter 23

Capricious p.243 *adjective* – governed or characterized by a sudden, impulsive, and seemingly unmotivated notion or action: unpredictable

Perversity p.244 *noun* – feeling that arises from or indicative of stubbornness or obstinacy

Dudgeon p.246 *noun* – a fit or state of indignation

Chapter 24

Gossip p.253 *noun* – a person who habitually reveals personal or sensational facts about others

Charity p.253 *noun* – generosity and helpfulness especially toward the needy or suffering

Dilapidated p.257 *adjective* – decayed, deteriorated, or fallen into partial ruin especially through neglect or misuse

Capacious p.262 *adjective* – containing or capable of containing a great deal

Expatriating p.263 *verb* – to speak or write at length or in detail

Chapter 25

Impromptu p.270 *adjective* – made, done, or formed on or as if on the spur of the moment: improvised

Chapter 26

Conflagration p.272 *noun*- a large disastrous fire

Feasible p.275 *adjective* – capable of being done or carried out

Truckle p.276 *verb* – to act in a subservient manner: submit

Surfeit p.282 *noun* – an overabundant supply: excess

Chapter 27

Rakishly p.284 *adverb* – in an unconventional manner

Contradictory p.289 *adjective* – involving, causing, or constituting a contradiction

Chapter 28

Dyspeptic p.291 *adjective* – ill humor: disgruntlement

Chapter 29

Furbelows p.307 *noun* – a pleated or gathered piece of material: especially a flounce on women's clothing

Imbecile p.308 *noun* – fool: idiot

Department p.309 *noun* – the manner in which one conducts oneself: behavior

Volubly p.310 *adjective* – characterized by ready or rapid speech

Constitution p.313 *noun* – the physical makeup of the individual especially with respect to health, strength, and appearance of the body

Mollified p.315 *verb* – to soothe in temper or disposition

Chapter 30

Akimbo p.319 *adjective* – set in a bent position

Aspirant p.329 *noun*- one who aspires: to seek to attain or accomplish a particular goal

Chapter 31

Postilions p.337 *noun* – one who rides as a guide on the near horse of one of the pairs attach to a coach or post chaise especially without a coachman

Chapter 32

Disquietude p.342 *noun* – anxiety, agitation

Alternations p.344 *noun* – the act or process of alternating: occurring by turns or in succession

Assiduity p.345 *noun* – persistent personal attention

Chivalrous p.347 *adjective* – marked by honor, generosity, and courtesy

Acquiesced p.348 *verb* – to accept, comply, or submit tacitly or passively

Chapter 33

Effervescence p.360 *noun* – an appealingly lively quality

Brocades p.364 *noun* – a rich silk fabric with raised patterns in gold and silver

Masquerade p.364 *noun* – a social gathering of persons wearing masks and often fantastic costumes

Chapter 34

Ballast p.368 *noun* – something that gives stability

Loquacity p.373 *noun* – the quality or state of being very talkative

Didactic p.378 *adjective* – designed or intended to teach

Chapter 35

Prophetic p.387 *adjective* – foretelling events; predictive

Insensibility p.388 *noun* – want of the power to be moved or affected; want of tenderness or susceptibility of emotion and passion.

Superannuated p.391 *adjective* – incapacitated or disqualified for active duty by advanced age

Unrequited p.392 *adjective* – not reciprocated or returned in kind

Chapter 36

Homilies p.396 *noun* – a usually short sermon

Chapter 37

Equipages p.399 *noun* – a horse-drawn carriage with its servants

Usurper p.403 *noun* – one who takes the place of another by or as if by force

Chapter 38

Abdicate p.411 *verb* – renounce a throne, high office, dignity, or function

Incumbrances p.413 *noun* – a claim against property

Practicability p.415 *adjective* – capable of being put into practice or of being done or accomplished

Obstreperous p.417 *adjective* – stubbornly resistant to control: unruly

Pertinacious p.417 *adjective* – adhering resolutely to an opinion, purpose, or design

Chapter 39

Efficacious p.437 *adjective* – having the power to produce a desired effect

Chapter 40

Serenity p.444 *noun* – the quality or state of being serene: clear and free of storms or unpleasant change

Chapter 41

Vagaries p.447 *noun* – an erratic, unpredictable, or extravagant manifestation, action, or notion

Desultory p.448 *adjective* – marked by lack of definite plan, regularity, or purpose

Proverbially p.449 *adverb* – that has become a proverb or byword: commonly spoken of

Fickleness p.449 *noun* – lack of steadfastness, constancy, or stability: given to erratic changeableness

Chapter 42

Self-abnegation p.458 *noun*- self-denial, self-sacrifice

Chapter 43

Betokens p.474 *verb* – to give evidence of

Chapter 44

Salubrious p.483 *adjective* – favorable to or promoting health or well-being

Fastidious p.484 *adjective*- having high and often capricious standards: difficult to please

Chapter 45

Meditative p.490 *adjective* – marked by or conduce to meditation: contemplation or reflectiveness

Philoprogenitiveness p.492 *noun* – prolific: marked by abundant inventiveness or productivity

Chapter 46

Loitering p.497 *verb* – to delay an activity with idle stops and pauses

Chapter 47

Paradisiacal p.511 *adjective* – of, relating to, or resembling paradise

Hobbledehoy p.513 *noun* – an awkward gawky youth