

## Chapter 4 Vocabulary

Page 48	goosefleshed	a state of the skin caused by cold, fear, or excitement, in which small bumps appear on the surface as the hairs stand up.
	miscreants	a person who has done something wrong or unlawful.
Page 49	<b>exuberant</b>	full of energy, excitement, and cheerfulness.
	tallow	a hard fatty substance made from rendered animal fat, used in making candles.
Page 50	<b>pondering</b>	to think about something carefully, especially before making a decision or reaching a conclusion.
	chintzy	cheap or of poor quality.
	upholstery	soft, padded textile covering that is fixed to furniture.
	primly	done in an excessively proper manner.
Page 51	<b>chastisement</b>	the act of scolding or punishing someone.
Page 53	expansive	covering a wide area in terms of space or scope; extensive.
	voluminous	(of clothes) very loose or full; having much fabric.
	<b>unctuous</b>	having an oily, greasy or soapy feel.

Page 53	wan	pale and giving the impression of illness or exhaustion
	taffeta	a fine lustrous silk or similar synthetic fabric with a crisp texture.
	<b>melodious</b>	pleasant sounding.
Page 54	<b>lurched</b>	make an abrupt, unsteady, uncontrolled movement.
	<b>pungent</b>	something that has a sharp, strong taste or smell.
	coagulated	to change to a solid or semi-solid state.
Page 55	sniffily	to behave in a contentious, superior and haughty manner.
	ruched	a strip of pleated material for finishing a dress.
Page 56	dishevelled	(of a person's hair, clothes, or appearance) untidy; disordered.
	amiss	not quite right; inappropriate or out of place.
	awash	covered or flooded with water.
	inkling	a slight knowledge or suspicion; a hint.
Page 57	livery	a special uniform worn by a servant or an official.
	<b>commuters</b>	a person who travels some distance to work on a regular basis.
	concourse	1. a large open area inside. 2. a crowd or assembly of people.

Page 57	fresco	a painting done straight onto wet plaster.
Page 58	scudding	move fast in a straight line because or as if driven by the wind.
	gilt-framed	covered thinly with gold leaf or gold paint.
	tethered	to tie something with a rope or chain so as to restrict its movement.
	dirigible	an airship
Page 59	insignia	a distinguishing badge or emblem of military rank, office, or membership of an organisation
	bosom	(of a friend) very close or intimate.
Page 60	curt	rudely brief.
	lacquer	a liquid that provides a hard protective layer for wood or metal.
Page 61	craggy	rough and uneven.
	stow	to pack or store (an object) carefully and neatly in a particular place.
	<b>doffed</b>	take off or raise (one's hat) as a greeting or token of respect.
	unendurable	not able to be tolerated or endured; intolerable.

Page 62	bristled	1. (of hair or fur) stand upright away from the skin, typically as a sign of anger or fear. 2. To be covered with or abundant in.
	pang	a sudden sharp pain or painful emotion.
	albeit	though.
	contended	struggle to surmount (a difficulty); deal with.
Page 63	winched	to hoist or haul with a winch.
	mooring	a place where a boat or ship is moored.



# exuberant

NOUN: [exuberance]

French: '*exuberant*'

meaning 'being abundantly fruitful'.



**ADJECTIVE:** full of energy, excitement, and cheerfulness.

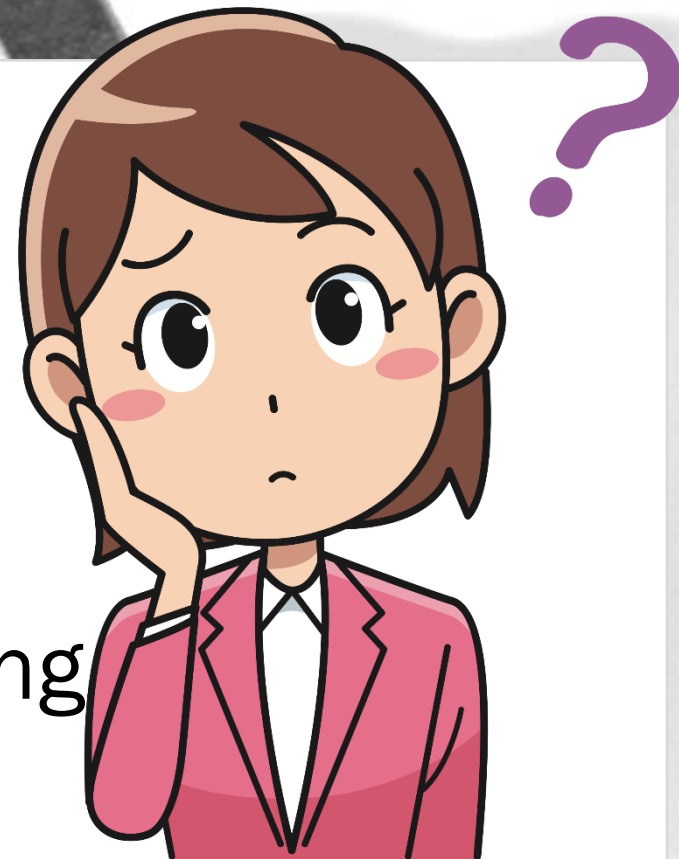
**SYNONYMS:** joyful, exhilarated, elated, flamboyant.

**EXAMPLE:** Whenever she did something **exuberant** she was punished for it.



# pondering

VERB: [ponder]



**VERB [PRESENT TENSE]:** to think about something carefully before making a decision or reaching a conclusion.

**SYNONYMS:** think, consider, review, contemplate.

**EXAMPLE:** Lily ducked through the doorway, **pondering** this worrying new revelation.





# chastisement

VERB: [chastise]

**NOUN:** the act of scolding or punishing someone.



**SYNONYMS:** discipline, scolding, punishment, reprimand.

**EXAMPLE:** Were they trying to conceive of some terrible new **chastisement**?



# unctuous

Latin: '*unguere*'  
meaning 'to anoint with oil'.

**ADJECTIVE:** having an oily, greasy or soapy feel.

**SYNONYMS:** oily, greasy, slimy, slippery.

**EXAMPLE:** Though her face was obscured by the chair's headrest, her **unctuous** perfume filled the room with its sharp overripe scent.







# melodious

Derived from the French: '*melodie*'  
meaning 'melody'.



**ADJECTIVE:** full of energy,  
excitement, and cheerfulness.

**SYNONYMS:** musical, lyrical, harmonious, melodic.

**EXAMPLE:** "*C'est terrible,*" Madame's **melodious** voice  
continued.



# lurched

VERB: [lurch].



**VERB [PAST TENSE]:** to make an abrupt, unsteady, uncontrolled movement.

**SYNONYMS:** jolt, stagger, stumble, wobble, totter.

**EXAMPLE:** The women's concerned faces swept away in a blur and the floor **lurched** up to meet her.



# pungent

**ADJECTIVE:** having a sharply strong taste or smell.

**SYNONYMS:** strong, sharp, powerful, overwhelming.

**EXAMPLE:** A sharp **pungent** smell, mixed with brittle perfume.







# commuters

VERB: [commute].

MATHEMATICAL: [commutative].



**NOUN:** someone who regularly travels between work and home.

**SYNONYMS:** joyful, exhilarated, elated, flamboyant.

**EXAMPLE:** Crossing the marble foyer, they passed rows of **commuters** waiting for their evening flights.



# doffed

VERB: [doff].



**VERB [PAST TENSE]:** take off or raise (one's hat) as a greeting or token of respect.

**SYNONYMS:** remove, tip, raise.

**EXAMPLE:** The mechanical man **doffed** his hat to her, and Lily shook his hand before he slid the compartment door shut and left.