

Chapter 10 Vocabulary

Page 129	erratically	in a way that is not regular, certain or expected.
Page 130	blotter	a highly absorbent type of paper or other material. It is used to absorb an excess of liquid substances from the surface of writing paper.
Page 131	prying	to be overly interested and inquire too closely into a person's private affairs.
	blueprints	a design plan or other technical drawing.
Page 132	urn	a tall, rounded vase used for storing the ashes of a cremated person.
	recesses	be temporarily suspended
Page 133	tumblers	a pivoted piece in a lock that holds the bolt until lifted by a key.
Page 134	doused	1. to pour liquid over. 2. to extinguish (a fire).
Page 136	stovepipe hats	a tall, cylindrical top hat worn mainly in the 19 th century.
Page 137	assailed	to make a concerted or violent attack on someone.
Page 138	salvage	to save goods from damage or destruction.
Page 140	numb	deprived of feeling or responsiveness.
	unruly	disorderly and disruptive and not responsive to discipline/rules.



erratically

ADJECTIVE: [erratic].

ADVERB: in a way that is not regular, certain or expected.

SYNONYMS: unpredictable, inconsistent, irregular.

EXAMPLE: Her heart beat **erratically**, her pulse thudding through her.





prying

VERB: [pry]

VERB [PRESENT TENSE]: [prying]

ADJECTIVE: to be overly interested and inquire too closely into a person's private affairs.

SYNONYMS: nosy, intrusive, interfering, inquisitive.

EXAMPLE: Mrs Rust was right: the housekeeper has been **prying** here.





doused

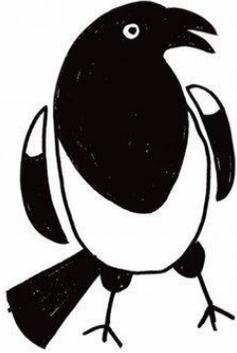
From Middle English *'long'* or *'prolong'*.



VERB [PAST TENSE]: 1. to pour liquid over. 2. to extinguish (a fire).

SYNONYMS: drench, soak, drown, flood, extinguish.

EXAMPLE: She licked her fingers, and **doused** the candle flame.



assailed

VERB: [assail]

NOUN: [assailant] a person who physically attacks another.



VERB [PAST TENSE]: to make a concerted or violent attack on someone.

SYNONYMS: attack, assault, charge, storm.

EXAMPLE: A cold blast of sadness **assailed** her.



unruly

'un' meaning *'not'*

'ruly' meaning *'amenable to discipline or order'*



ADJECTIVE: disorderly and disruptive and not responsive to discipline/rules.

SYNONYMS: wild, disorderly, rowdy, uncontrollable, disobedient.

EXAMPLE: Underneath his cap sat a mop of **unruly** black hair and heavy frowning brows, and his face looked rather anxious.