

Chapter 11 Vocabulary

Page 143	endeavour	an attempt to achieve a goal.
	shimmied	to move effortlessly; glide with a swaying motion.
	imprisoned	to be kept in prison; held captive.
Page 144	unaccountably	in a way that cannot be explained or understood.
	apprentice	a person who is learning a trade from a skilled employer.
Page 145	constitution	a person's physical state as regards vitality, health, and strength.
	acrid	unpleasantly bitter or pungent.
Page 146	rapped	to strike a hard surface with a series of rapid audible blows.
Page 147	trellis	a framework of light wooden or metal bars used as a support for fruit trees or creepers, typically fastened against a wall.
Page 149	parasol	a light umbrella used to give shade from the sun.
Page 150	mezzanine	a low storey between two others in a building.
Page 151	skirting	to go round or past the edge of.
	balustrade	a balustrade is a railing (handrail) and the row of balusters (posts) that support it. Balustrades are installed at the side/edge of a staircase or balcony to prevent people from falling.

Page 152	planter	a decorative plant pot.
	parapet	a low protective wall along the edge of a roof, bridge, or balcony.
	breeches	short trousers fastened just below the knee.
Page 153	brow	a person's forehead.
Page 154	lucifer (noun)	a match struck by rubbing it on a rough surface.
	whitewashed	deliberately attempt to conceal unpleasant or incriminating facts about a person or organisation.
	gable	the triangular upper part of a wall at the end of a ridged roof.
	meltwater	water formed by the melting of snow and ice.
Page 155	brusquely	rude or abrupt in manner, blunt or rough.
	sauntered	to walk in a slow or relaxed manner.
Page 157	pretence	an attempt to make something that is not the case appear true; pretend



endeavour

VERB: [endeavour] try hard to do or achieve something.



NOUN: an attempt to achieve a goal.

SYNONYMS: try, attempt, strive, labour, venture.

EXAMPLE: “If you wait there,” she said, “I shall endeavour to come down.”



imprisoned

VERB: [imprison].

NOUN: [prison], [prisoner].



VERB [PAST TENSE]: to be kept in prison; held captive.

SYNONYMS: incarcerate, captive, jailed, confined.

EXAMPLE: Normally I'd use the stairs, but I was imprisoned and my hairpins broke when I tried to pick the lock."



apprentice

NOUN: [apprenticeship].



NOUN: a person who is learning a trade from a skilled employer.

SYNONYMS: amateur, novice, pupil, beginner.

EXAMPLE: “I’m Robert Townsend,” he mumbled.

“**Apprentice** clockmaker in the village up the way...”



acrid



ADJECTIVE: unpleasantly bitter or pungent.

SYNONYMS: pungent, bitter, sharp, malodorous.

EXAMPLE: Puffs of **acrid** smoke drifted from its chimney stack as it drove towards them.



brusquely

ADJECTIVE: [brusque]



ADVERB: rude or abrupt in manner, blunt or rough.

SYNONYMS: rude, abrupt, blunt, rough, curt.

EXAMPLE: “And you,” he said **brusquely**, trying not to let the fear show in his voice.



sauntered

VERB: [saunter].



VERB [PAST TENSE]: to walk in a slow or relaxed manner.

SYNONYMS: stroll, amble, wander, meander.

EXAMPLE: He **sauntered** along the street, approaching the men, listening to the crunch of the melting snow underfoot, and trying to seem as calm as possible.