

# *A Christmas Memory*

## Vocab List

<b>commence</b>	(v)	make a start; begin
<b>inaugurate</b>	(v)	(1) install in office with a formal ceremony (2) make a formal beginning of
<b>exhilarate</b>	(v)	make merry or lively; put into high spirits, cheer
<b>dilapidated</b>	(adj)	fallen into ruin or disrepair; decayed through neglect
<b>paraphernalia</b> [par f r na ly ]	(n)	(1) personal belongings (2) equipment, outfit
<b>stereopticon</b> [ster e op t k n]	(n)	projector that combines two images on a screen so they gradually become one image with a three-dimensional effect
<b>squander</b>	(v)	spend foolishly; waste
<b>carnage</b>	(n)	slaughter of a great number of people
<b>disposition</b>	(n)	(1) one's habitual ways of acting toward others (2) tendency; inclination (3) a settlement
<b>saturate</b>	(v)	soak thoroughly; fill full
<b>simultaneous</b>	(adj)	existing, done, or happening at the same time
<b>renegade</b>	(n)	deserter of a religious faith or political party
<b>chastise</b>	(v)	(1) inflict punishment or suffering on to make improvements (2) criticize severely; rebuke
<b>armada</b>	(n)	(1) large fleet of warships (2) any large group of military vehicles
<b>garland</b>	(n)	wreath or string of flowers, leaves, etc.
<b>noncommittal</b>	(adj)	not committing oneself; not saying yes or no
<b>sever</b>	(v)	(1) cut apart; cut off (2) break off

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