

ELA 8 Vocabulary & Spelling Words

My Favorite Chaperone by Akimoto

Scuffle - a disorderly fight

Stun - to stun someone is to make him or her feel shocked or dazed

Sponsor - if you sponsor someone, you support their admission into a group, typically financially

Whimper - to sob or let out a soft cry

Dispatcher - a dispatcher is a person who sends out vehicles according to a schedule (think: taxis or ambulances)

The Martian by Andy Weir

Ch. 1-5

Inundated - to be completely overwhelmed with something;

Elated - to be ecstatically happy; overjoyed

Synthetic - to imitate a natural product

Abated - to make something less intense; to reduce or lessen

Plausible (Pg. 26) - adjective - seeming reasonable or probable.

Rudimentary - involving basic principles; undeveloped

Torque - a twisting force that causes rotation

Integrity - the quality of having strong moral principles; the state of being whole and undivided

Copious - abundant in supply or quantity; substantial amount

Ch. 6-10

Taper - diminish or reduce in thickness toward one end; to narrow

Simultaneously - at the same time

Inherently - in a permanent, essential, or characteristic way

Pilfer - to steal; generally referring to stealing a treasure

Paltry - a small or meager amount

Incremental - relating to an increase, especially one of a fixed scale; step-by-step increase

Cavernous - like a cavern in size, shape, or atmosphere

Devastated - to destroy or ruin something

Ch. 11-15

Antiquated (p.114) - old-fashioned or outdated.

Cacophony (p.136 & 142)- a harsh discordant mixture of sounds.

Proximity (p.139)- nearness in space, time, or relationship.

Malfunction (p.141)- fail to function normally or satisfactorily.

Exponential (p.142)- becoming more and more rapid.

Debris (p.157)- scattered pieces of waste or remains.

Strewn (p.157)- untidily scattered.

Retrospect (p.164)- a survey or review of a past course of events or period of time.

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Ch. 16 - 20

Daunting (p.192) - seeming difficult to deal with in anticipation; intimidating.

Incredulous (p.197) - (of a person or their manner) unwilling or unable to believe something.

Connotation (p.206) - an idea or feeling that a word invokes in addition to its literal or primary meaning.

Tenacious (p.224) - tending to keep a firm hold of something; clinging or adhering closely

Efficiency (p.223) - the state or quality of being efficient.

Counterintuitive (p.241)- contrary to intuition or to common-sense expectation (but often nevertheless true).

Ch. 21-26

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Tell-Tale Heart by Edgar Allan Poe

Crevice - a narrow crack

Conceive - when you conceive an idea, you think of it; to form

Stifle - if you stifle something, you smother it

Vex - if you vex someone, you annoy that person

Audacity - audacity is shameless daring or boldness

Vehemently - if you do something vehemently, you do it with intense emotion

Derision - jeering laughter

Hypocritical - if someone is hypocritical, they are false or deceptive; someone who says one thing, but does the opposite