



FRANKENSTEIN VOCABULARY

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LIST 1: Ch. 1-2

ardent *adj.* displaying or characterized by strong enthusiasm, passion, or devotion

inexorable *adj.* not capable of being persuaded by entreaty; unyielding

solicitude *n.* the state or quality of being concerned or attentive; eagerness

cull *v.* to pick out from others; select

conciliate *v.* 1. To overcome the distrust or badness of; placate 2. To regain (friendship, for example) by pleasant behavior; to reconcile

paroxysm *n.* a sudden outburst of emotion or action

indefatigable *adj.* incapable or seemingly incapable of being fatigued; tireless

harrowing *adj.* Extremely distressing

disconsolate *adj.* Beyond consolation; hopelessly sad

ardour/ardor *n.* Great warmth, as of emotion or desire

filial *adj.* Of, pertaining to, or befitting a son or daughter

predilection *n.* a partiality or disposition in favor of something; a preference

apathy *n.* lack of interest or concern; indifference

tyro *n.* An inexperienced person; a beginner; neophyte

repine *v.* To be discontented or low in spirits; complain or fret

aver *v.* To declare in a positive manner; affirm

repugnance *n.* great dislike; aversion

progeny *n.* 1. Children or descendants 2. A result of a creative effort; product

Exercise

Use the vocabulary from list 1 to fill in the blanks. You may change the form of the word to suit the sentence.

1. Top universities must _____ out the very best students from their applicants.
2. Soaphead Church's _____ for little girls makes him a pedophile.
3. Christians believe that the _____ of Adam and Eve peopled the earth.
4. Singing at his Bat Mitzvah was a very _____ experience for young Solomon since he had the voice of a dying ostrich.
5. On Valentine's Day, lovers traditionally share their _____ for one another.
6. Because Morgan felt no _____ obligation to her parents, it was easy for her to drop them off at the Institute for the Criminally Insane.
7. According to Toni Morrison, _____ is worse than hate, for it creates a society of indifference.
8. The _____ child would not stop crying after her ice cream cone tumbled to the ground.
9. John's _____ of laughter stunned the whole class during the final exam.
10. Mrs. Potter's _____ for children only made them more determined to win her over.
11. The _____ firemen continued to fight the blaze, even though it was well past midnight and they had not yet rested.
12. Blanche's _____ mother refused to allow her daughter to date Carrot Top, and we were glad of it.
13. The _____ of the young archaeology students inspired the professor to continue the dig, even though they had not yet found any dinosaur bones.
14. "Can you _____ that the defendant was with you on June 27th?" the judge asked the witness.
15. Because he was only a(n) _____ in the field of carpentry, he had no idea what to do when the roof began collapsing.
16. Teachers _____ when they are given lunch duty; it is the most frustrating job.
17. A(n) _____ supporter of the death penalty, Senator Capshaw believed that we should just "kill 'em all."
18. The neighbors tried to _____ after their argument, but they were too stubborn to apologize to each other.



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LIST 2: Ch. 3 - 13

respite *n.* A usually short period of rest or relief

repose *n.* Rest; calmness; tranquility

imbue *v.* 1. To saturate, as with stain or dye 2. To inspire, permeate, or pervade

chimera *n.* A creation of the imagination; an impossible and foolish fancy

lassitude *n.* a state or feeling of weariness, diminished energy, or listlessness

asylum *n.* a place offering protection and safety; a shelter

precept *n.* A rule or principle imposing a particular standard of action or conduct

pertinacity *n.* The state of holding firmly or tenaciously to a purpose, belief, or opinion

salubrious *adj.* conducive or favorable to health or well-being

vacillate *v.* To swing indecisively from one course of action or opinion to another; waver

assuage *v.* 1. to make something less intense or severe 2. to pacify or calm

encomium *n.* Warm or glowing praise

perambulation *n.* A walk, stroll, or roam through or about (Related SAT word: **ambulatory** *adj.* able to walk; of, relating to, or adapted for walking)

placid *adj.* 1. peaceful, calm, quiet 2. satisfied; complacent

indelible *adj.* Incapable of being removed, erased, or washed away; permanent

amiable *adj.* Having a pleasant disposition; good-natured; cordial; sociable; congenial

ignominy: *n.* Great personal dishonor or humiliation; shameful or disgraceful action, conduct, or character (**ignominious** = *adj.*)

imperial *adj.* 1. Regal; majestic 2. Outstanding in size or quality

odious *adj.* Exciting hatred or repugnance

verdant *adj.* 1. green (as with vegetation) 2. lacking experience; naïve or innocent

conjecture *v.* To infer from inconclusive evidence; guess

exhortation *n.* 1. language intended to incite and encourage

hovel *n.* 1. a small, miserable dwelling 2. an open, low shed

Exercise

Use the vocabulary from list 2 to fill in the blanks. You may change the form of the word to suit the sentence.

1. His mother's _____ to "dress warmly" did not discourage Paul from removing his jacket once he reached the end of the block.
2. Henrietta's _____ disposition made everyone like her.
3. The freshman sought _____ from the torment of the senior bully by hiding in a(n) _____.
4. Bonnie's _____ caused her to lay on the couch rather than go to the party; her _____ and quiet nature made her more comfortable at home..
5. Nate _____ between going to Nashville Auto Diesel School or Clown College.
6. The child's _____ was displayed most noticeably when anyone tried to dissuade her that there was no Easter Bunny; she absolutely insisted that she had met him and his family at the dry cleaners.
7. The lion's _____ attire made others regard him as the king of the jungle.
8. Noreen's dress was so _____ with neon colors that she appeared to have come right out of a 1984 dance video.
9. Albert's outward _____ hid his inner desire to run naked through the streets screaming.
10. Parents often need _____ from their small children after a full day of family activities.
11. "That is only a(n) _____!" laughed Aunt Dolly when her nephew told her of his plan to build a castle out of Twinkies, Twizzlers, and Twix bars.
12. Eating an apple a day is a very _____ habit according to Ben Franklin.
13. The audience offered the Grammy-award winning singer tremendous _____ after she secured her fourth prize. The losers were not easily _____ after their defeat.
14. I'm not certain, but I _____ that it may snow again on Friday.
15. In the 19th century, a(n) _____ around a(n) _____ spring garden with a member of the opposite sex was considered a racy date.
16. Ignatius suffered from great _____ when he left the house without his pants.
17. The Student Handbook is filled with _____ regarding student behavior.
18. Polly wrote her name on her backpack with _____ ink so that no one would steal it.



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LIST 3: Chapter 14 - 24

flagrant *adj.* conspicuously offensive <flagrant errors>; especially: so obviously inconsistent with what is right or proper as to appear to be a flouting of law or morality <flagrant violations of human rights>

meed *n.* a fitting reward, return, or recompense

deprecate *v.* 1. to express disapproval of 2a.. PLAY DOWN: make little of 2b. to BELITTLE, DISPARAGE

sagacity *n.* wisdom; sound judgment and keen perception

sage *n.* wise person

myriad *n.* 1. ten thousand 2. a great number <a myriad of ideas>

imprecate *v.* Transitive senses: to invoke evil on : CURSE; to utter curses

imprecation *n.* 1. CURSE 2. the act of imprecating

precipitous *adj.* a. very steep, perpendicular, or overhanging in rise or fall <a precipitous slope>

epithets *n.* 1a : a characterizing word or phrase accompanying or occurring in place of the name of a person or thing b: a disparaging or abusive word or phrase

sanguinary *adj.* 1. BLOODTHIRSTY, MURDEROUS <sanguinary hatred> 2. attended by bloodshed : BLOODY <this bitter and sanguinary war -- T. H. D. Mahoney> 3. consisting of blood <a sanguinary stream>

dilatory *adj.* 1. tending or intended to cause delay <dilatory tactics> 2. characterized by procrastination: TARDY <dilatory in answering letters>

meander *v.* 1. to follow a winding or intricate course 2. to wander aimlessly without urgent destination: RAMBLE

precipice *n.* 1. a very steep or overhanging place 2. a hazardous situation; broadly : BRINK

palpitate *v.* to beat rapidly and strongly : THROB

ennui *n.* a feeling of weariness and dissatisfaction : BOREDOM

languid *adj.* 1. drooping from or as if from exhaustion: WEAK 2. Sluggish, LISTLESS, SLOW

remonstrate *v.* to present and urge reasons in opposition; complain (usually used with *with*): EXPOSTULATE

tumult *n.* 1a. disorderly agitation or milling about of a crowd usually with uproar and confusion of voices : COMMOTION b. a turbulent uprising : RIOT 2. HUBBUB, DIN 3. violent outburst

propagate *v.* 1. to multiply sexually or asexually 2. to INCREASE, EXTEND 3. to cause to spread out

insuperable *adj.* incapable of being surmounted, overcome, passed over, or solved <insuperable difficulties>

besought *v.* past tense form of **beseech**: 1. to beg for urgently or anxiously 2. to request earnestly : IMPLORE

vexations *n.* a cause of trouble; affliction

opprobrium *n.* 1. something that brings disgrace 2a. public disgrace or ill fame that follows from conduct considered grossly wrong or vicious b. CONTEMPT, REPROACH

Exercise

Use the vocabulary from list 3 to fill in the blanks. You may change the form of the word to suit the sentence.

1. The road _____ down the hill, through the forest, and over to the sea.
2. The old woman's _____ made her the best judge in the tribe.
3. Because Miranda was so _____ in responding to her e-mail, no one bothered to notify her about important events via the computer.
4. Harold's _____ caused him to lay about the house, _____ his disloyal and boring friends and generally _____ his miserable existence.
5. Margie's heart _____ quickly at the sight of the burglar who had snuck into her bedroom, believing she was fast asleep.
6. In the _____ of the eager crowd, I _____ the circus barker, "Pick me! Pick me! I want to ride the elephant!"
7. As all the overzealous lemmings ran gladly off the _____ to their deaths, one lemming risked _____ from his peers by refusing to jump off the cliff.
8. A(n) _____ stream trickled down the murderer's butcher knife after he committed his brutal crime.
9. Although a _____ of activities were presented to Giselle, she appeared too _____ to participate in any of them.
10. Some people believed that President Bush's decision to go to war was a _____ abuse of the United Nations' ruling, while others believed it was _____.
11. The customer _____ with the waiter for bringing cold soup.
12. The missionaries _____ their faith by preaching overseas.
13. Although the class felt the task was _____, the teacher assured them it was quite possible.
14. The _____ of the day make it hard for me to sleep at night.
15. Finding a dozen raccoons in his kitchen, the homeowner screamed a single _____ at the furry creatures and fled the house.
16. Despite his ample training, the mountain climber was unable to ascend the _____ cliff side.