

Instructional Systems Design

Short Story Activities- Words and Phrases in Context (key)

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Exercise 1.2.1: Here is a list of vocabulary words taken from the story. Try to understand them from the context, match each one with its corresponding definition given below then use them in new sentences of your own. (Skimming will help)

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| Bland (1.5)- | Hitch (1.6)- | Crooked (1.7)- | Doleful (1.27)- |
| To Wail (1.27)- | Mourner (1.27)- | To Wend (1.29)- | Retribution (1.36)- |
| Chorister (1.38)- | To Strew (1.41)- | Slaughter (1.52)- | Hilarious (1.53)- |
| To Waver (1.65)- | To Throng (1.84)- | To Crouch (1.124)- | Parapet (1.133)- |
| Fang (1.148)- | To Gnash (1.150)- | Rapturous (1.150)- | Shriek (1.158)- |

	Definition	Word	Your Sentence
1.	A member of a choir (which is a company of persons trained to sing together).	Chorister	
2.	Gentle or polite in manner or talk.	Bland	
3.	To scatter something over a surface.	To Strew	
4.	A deserved punishment; inflicted or coming as a penalty for wrongdoing.	Retribution	
5.	To cry or complain in a loud voice. (n. lament)	To Wail	
6.	Killing of people or animals (esp. in large numbers).	Slaughter	
7.	Not straightforward, dishonest.	Crooked	
8.	Mournful, sorrowful, sad.	Doleful	
9.	A person who shows sorrow, who grieves for/over someone's death.	Mourner	
10.	To crowd. To be present in large numbers.	To Throng	
11.	Noisily merry, cheerful.	Hilarious	
12.	To hesitate, move uncertainly.	To Waver	
13.	To cause the teeth to strike together.	To Gnash	
14.	Temporary stoppage, difficulty.	Hitch	
15.	A long, sharp tooth.	Fang	
16.	Shrill / sharp / piercing scream	Shriek	
17.	To lower the body with the limbs (legs, arms or wings) together ready to spring.	To Crouch	
18.	A protective wall at the edge of a flat roof.	Parapet	
19.	Inspiring or expressing ecstatic delight, extreme happiness.	Rapturous	
20.	To direct one's course, to travel, to proceed on (one's way)	To Wend	

Exercise 1.2.2: Fill in the blanks with the missing word. Choose from the following list:

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| Exuberant (l.1) | Refined (l.9) | Assert (l.10) | Sprang (l.25) |
| Rim (l.28) | Imperious (l.58) | Relentless (l.73) | Deeds (l.77) |
| Disposed of (l.81) | Fervid (l.96) | Latch (l.106) | Grievous (l.149) |
| Kindled (l.153) | Presumed (l.166) | | |

- 1- This boy's manners have become so **refined**. Who taught him how to get rid of everything that was coarse and vulgar in him?
- 2- Why did you give her to drink in that cup? Its **rim** was full of lipstick!
- 3- The dictator **disposed of** all his opponents by putting them in prison.
- 4- I would like to reward Tony for his good **deeds**. . They are much better than words when people are in need of help.
- 5- Our king is so **relentless**; he's without pity. How could he have his own nephew hanged?
- 6- This is such a **grievous** accident; it has caused so many injuries, so much suffering!
- 7- This door won't **latch** properly, we ought to lock it.
- 8- Cynthia has an **exuberant** imagination; she keeps on inventing stories.
- 9- I don't like this princess; she is so **imperious**. and domineering; her gestures are haughty and arrogant!
- 10- The guilty man tried to **assert**. his innocence.
- 11- An accused person is **presumed** to be innocent until proven guilty.
- 12- He **sprang** to his feet the moment he saw his boss entering the room.
- 13- Melissa is a **fervid** admirer of Sampras; she is so passionately in love with him.
- 14- Marcel's eyes **kindled** with excitement when he saw the gift I had bought him.

Exercise 1.2.3: Analyzing words and phrases: Try to explain the following words taken from the reading. Use the context to help you.

- 1- Semi-barbaric (l.1) :
- 2- Self-communing (l.3) :
- 3- In its appointed course (l.5) :
- 4- Impartial (l.13) :
- 5- Incorruptible (l.13) :
- 6- Aforementioned (l.23) :
- 7- Downcast (l.29) :
- 8- Homeward (l.29) :
- 9- He merited so dire a fate (l.30):
- 10- The bells rang their merry peals (l.40) :
- 11- This element lent an interest to the occasion (l.53):
- 12- As blooming as his most rosy fancies (l.57) :
- 13- Apple of his eyes (l.58) :
- 14- Her soul at a white heat (l.143) :