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Part One	
Chapters 1-3	Student-friendly definition
awe-struck (p. 6)	feeling great respect for the importance, difficulty, or seriousness of someone or something
emanate (p. 8)	to produce a smell, light etc., or to show a particular quality
plentiful (p. 9)	more than enough in quantity
discord (p. 10)	disagreement or arguing between people
collectively (p. 10)	together
sympathetic (p. 10)	the feeling of being sorry for someone who is in a bad situation
fanciful (p. 12)	imagined rather than based on facts – often used to show disapproval
compatible (p. 17)	able to exist or be used together without causing problems
provisions (p. 19)	when you provide something that someone needs now or in the future
suspicion (p. 19)	a feeling you have that someone is probably guilty of doing something wrong or dishonest
lurk (p. 21)	to wait somewhere quietly and secretly, usually because you are going to do something wrong

Chapters 4-6	Student-friendly definition
unpleasant (p. 23)	not enjoyable
sorrow (p. 23)	sadness
abide (p. 24)	to follow the rules
scold (p. 25)	to yell
reluctant (p. 27)	unwilling, slow
kinship (p. 27)	a strong connection between people
ancestors (p. 28)	a member of your family who lived a long time ago
persuade (p. 32)	to try and get someone to believe you; convince them
traitor (p. 32)	someone who is not loyal to their country, friends, or beliefs
heirloom (p. 34)	a valuable object that has been owned by a family for many years and that is passed from the older members to the younger members
blasphemy (p. 26)	something you say or do that is insulting to God or people's religious beliefs
discernable (p. 35)	to notice or understand something by thinking about it carefully
impractical (p. 38)	not possible
cordial (p. 40)	friendly but quite polite and formal
inferior (p. 40)	not good, or not as good as someone or something else
superior (p. 40)	better, more powerful, more effective etc. than a similar person or thing, especially one that you are competing against
radical (p. 40)	a very big/important difference
abolished (p. 44)	to get rid of

Chapters 7-9	Student-friendly definition
conjures (p. 51)	to make something appear or happen in a way which is not expected
treacherous (p. 52)	someone who is treacherous cannot be trusted because they are not loyal and secretly intend to harm you
praise (p. 53)	to say that you admire and approve of someone or something, especially publicly
irritably (p. 54)	annoyed easily
perpetuity (p. 55)	for all future time
contradict (p. 56)	to go against
commune (p. 59)	a group of people who live together and who share the work and their possessions
trepidation (p. 60)	a feeling of anxiety or fear about something that is going to happen
boisterously (p. 61)	noisy, full of energy
mortified (p. 64)	embarrassed
perturbed (p. 65)	worried
unburdened (p. 66)	relieve (someone) of something that is causing anxiety or distress
custom (p. 66)	something that is done by people in a particular society because it is traditional
asylums (p. 72)	a mental hospital
dupery (p. 73)	something intended to deceive
luminous (p. 74)	shining in the dark
phenomena (p. 74)	something that happens or exists in society, science, or nature, especially something that is studied because it is difficult to understand
recant (p. 79)	to say publicly that you no longer have a political or religious belief that you had before

Chapters 10-12	Student-friendly definition
repent (p. 83)	to be sorry for something and wish you had not done it – used especially when considering your actions in a religious way
acreage (p. 85)	the area of a piece of land measured in acres
predicament (p. 85)	a problem
dispute (p. 85)	a fight
negotiations (p. 86)	official discussions between the representatives of opposing groups who are trying to reach an agreement, especially in business or politics
compromise (p. 86)	an agreement that is achieved after everyone involved accepts less than what they wanted at first, or the act of making this agreement
sensible (p. 87)	reasonable, practical, and showing good judgment
mocking (p. 87)	to laugh at someone or something and try to make them look stupid by saying unkind things about them or by copying them
soberly (p. 89)	to become more serious in behavior or attitude, or to make someone become more serious
courteous (p. 91)	polite and showing respect for other people
inquiry (p. 91)	a question you ask in order to get information
descendants (p. 93)	someone who is related to a person who lived a long time ago, or to a family, group of people etc. that existed in the past
infirmity (p. 94)	bad health or a particular illness
obscured (p. 98)	not well known and usually not very important
superstitions (p. 98)	a belief that some objects or actions are lucky or unlucky, or that they cause events to happen, based on old ideas of magic
petulant (p. 99)	behaving in an unreasonably impatient and angry way, like a child

Chapters 13-16	Student-friendly definition
dread (p. 100)	to feel anxious or worried about something that is going to happen or may happen
cherish (p. 105)	to love someone or something very much and take care of them well
indignant (p. 107)	angry and surprised because you feel insulted or unfairly treated
conspicuous (p. 108)	very easy to notice
belligerent (p. 111)	very unfriendly and wanting to argue or fight
stealthy (p. 112)	moving or doing something quietly and secretly
reciprocate (p. 115)	to do or give something, because something similar has been done or given to you
discreetly (p. 119)	careful about what you say or do, so that you do not offend, upset, or embarrass people or tell secrets
disorienting (p. 120)	making someone not know where they are or which direction they should go
decipher (p. 122)	to find the meaning of something that is difficult to read or understand
ingratiate (p. 123)	bring oneself into favor with someone by flattering or trying to please them
acquire (p. 123)	to obtain something by buying it or being given it
specimen (p. 123)	a small amount or piece that is taken from something, so that it can be tested or examined
confound (p. 124)	to confuse and surprise people by being unexpected
ignorant (p. 126)	not knowing facts or information that you ought to know

Chapters 17-19	Student-friendly definition
brooding (p. 126)	mysterious and threatening
impurity (p. 130)	a substance of a low quality that is contained in or mixed with something else, making it less pure
aghast (p. 132)	feeling or looking shocked by something you have seen or just found out
mongrels (p. 134)	a dog that is a mix of several different breeds
permissive (p. 135)	not strict, and allowing behavior that many other people would disapprove of
grief (p. 138)	extreme sadness, usually followed by the death of a loved one
encounter (p. 143)	to come across
absconded (p. 144)	to escape from a place where you are being kept
resist (p. 148)	to go against

**Part Two**

<b>Chapters 20-22</b>	<b>Student-friendly definition</b>
vigorously (p. 152)	in a way that uses a lot of energy and strength or determination
intentions (p. 153)	a plan or desire to do something
unkempt (p. 156)	have not been cut and kept neat
retain (p. 156)	to keep something or continue to have something
solitude (p. 156)	when you are alone, especially when this is what you enjoy
willingly (p. 157)	prepared to do something, or having no reason to not want to do it
influence (p. 157)	the power to affect the way someone or something develops, behaves, or thinks, without using direct force or orders
tethered (p. 159)	a rope or chain that an animal is tied to so that it can only move around within a limited area
chivalry (p. 160)	behavior that is honorable, kind, generous, and brave, especially men's behavior towards women
repugnant (p. 161)	very unpleasant and offensive
rancid (p. 163)	smells or tastes unpleasant because it is no longer fresh
distraught (p. 166)	so upset and worried that you cannot think clearly
correspondent (p. 169)	someone who writes letters
genial (p. 170)	friendly and happy
distressed (p. 170)	very upset
destitute (p. 172)	having no money, no food, no home

Chapters 23-26	Student-friendly definition
pantomime (p. 173)	a method of performing using only actions and not words, or a play
vulgar (p. 173)	not behaving politely in social situations
perceive (p. 175)	to understand or think of something or someone in a particular way
ledger (p. 176)	a book in which a business, bank etc. records how much money it receives and spends
scheme (p. 177)	an official plan that is intended to help people in some way, for example by providing education or training
prejudice (p. 180)	an unreasonable dislike and distrust of people who are different from you in some way, especially because of their race, religion etc.
foreboding (p. 182)	a strong feeling that something bad is going to happen soon
dilapidated (p. 182)	in very bad condition
isolation (p. 192)	alone
cameo (p. 193)	a small piece of jewelry with a raised shape, usually a person's face, on a flat background of a different color
occupy (p. 193)	to take up space
prestigious (p. 194)	very important, usually fancy
peculiarity (p. 195)	something that is a feature of only one particular place, person, situation
pompously (p. 195)	someone who is pompous thinks that they are important, and shows this by being very formal and using long words



Chapters 27-29	Student-friendly definition
repertoire (p. 198)	the total number of things that someone or something is able to do
illiterate (p. 199)	unable to read or write
discontent (p. 200)	not happy
sullen (p. 201)	angry and silent, especially because you feel life has been unfair to you
upkeep (p. 202)	the process of keeping something in good condition
derelict (p. 202)	very bad condition because it has not been used for a long time
congenital (p. 203)	medical condition or disease has affected someone since they were born
dimwitted (p. 208)	a stupid person
incentive (p. 208)	something that encourages you to work harder, start a new activity
affliction (p. 208)	something that causes pain or suffering, especially a medical condition
criticism (p. 209)	remarks that say what you think is bad about someone or something
deceived (p. 210)	to make someone believe something that is not true
agitated (p. 214)	very annoyed

Chapters 30-33	Student-friendly definition
maneuver (p. 219)	a skillful or careful movement that you make, for example in order to avoid something or go through a narrow space
jovial (p. 224)	friendly and happy
vex (p. 224)	to make someone feel annoyed or worried
omen (p. 227)	a sign of what will happen in the future
privateer (p. 227)	an armed ship in the past that was not in the navy but attacked and robbed enemy ships carrying goods
intimated (p. 230)	feeling worried and lacking confidence because of the situation you are in or the people you are with
capsize (p. 232)	if a boat capsizes, or if you capsize it, it turns over in the water
abate (p. 235)	to become less strong or decrease
accusation (p. 238)	a statement saying that someone is guilty of a crime or of doing something wrong
concealing (p. 241)	to hide something carefully
embrace (p. 241)	to put your arms around someone and hold them in a friendly or loving way

Chapters 34-37	Student-friendly definition
captivity (p. 244)	when a person or animal is kept in a prison, cage etc. and not allowed to go where they want
hinder (p. 256)	to make it difficult for something to develop or succeed
frivolous (p. 258)	not serious or sensible, especially in a way that is not suitable for a particular occasion
restitution (p. 259)	the act of giving back something that was lost or stolen to its owner, or of paying for damage
weaned (p. 260)	to be influenced by something from a very early age
contented (p. 261)	happy and satisfied because your life is good
astounding (p. 265)	so surprising that it is almost impossible to believe
disparage (p. 268)	to criticize someone or something in a way that shows you do not think they are very good or important