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Chapters 1-3	Student-friendly definition
wince	Give a slight involuntary grimace or shrinking movement of the body out of or in anticipation of pain or distress
transfer	change to another place, route, or means of transportation during a journey
confrontation	a hostile or argumentative meeting or situation between opposing parties
shank(ed)	strike (the ball) with the heel of the club
repossess(ed)	retake possession of (something) when a buyer defaults on payments
admir(ing)	regard (an object, quality, or person) with respect or warm approval
inconvenience	trouble or difficulty caused to one's personal requirements or comfort
inherit(ed)	(of a quality, characteristic, or predisposition) derived genetically from one's parents or ancestors
eavesdrop	secretly listen to a conversation
tranquilizer	a medicinal drug taken to reduce tension or anxiety
glimmer	shine faintly with a wavering light
exfoliate	(of a material) come apart or be shed from a surface in scales or layers
elaborate	develop or present (a theory, policy, or system) in detail
interpretation	the action of explaining the meaning of something

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decency	behavior that conforms to accepted standards of morality or respectability
mimic	imitate (someone or their actions or words), especially in order to entertain or ridicule
uncertain	not able to be relied on; not known or definite
deduct(ible)	the amount of money you pay out of your own pocket toward a covered claim
dazzl(ing)	extremely bright, especially so as to blind the eyes temporarily
beckons	make a gesture with the hand, arm, or head to encourage someone to come nearer or follow

Chapters 4 - 6	Student-friendly definition
anticipat(ion)	the action of anticipating something; expectation or prediction
evict(ed)	expel (someone) from a property, especially with the support of the law
speculating	form a theory or conjecture about a subject without firm evidence
endear(ing)	inspiring love or affection
declare(s)	say something in a solemn and emphatic manner
recount(ing)	tell someone about something; give an account of an event or experience
unrealistic	not something that could occur
dilemma	a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more alternatives, especially equally undesirable ones

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Chapters 4 - 6	Student-friendly definition
evident(ly)	plainly or obviously; in a way that is clearly seen or understood
focus	the center of interest or activity
observant	quick to notice things.
extend(s)	cause to cover a larger area; make longer or wider
solution	a means of solving a problem or dealing with a difficult situation.
unpredictable	not able to be seen beforehand
cascading	(of water) pour downward rapidly and in large quantities
unbearable	not able to be endured or tolerated
momentum	the quantity of motion of a moving body, measured as a product of its mass and velocity.
drape	arrange (cloth or clothing) loosely or casually on or around something

Chapters 7 - 10	Student-friendly definition
government	the body of a nation, state, or community who decides how it will be run
precious	(of an object, substance, or resource) of great value; not to be wasted or treated carelessly.
hypnotic	of, producing, or relating to hypnosis or (mind-controlled)
divine	of, from, or like God or a god
consequence(s)	of, from, or like God or a god
vigorously	in a way that involves physical strength, effort, or energy; strenuously

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Chapters 7 - 10	Student-friendly definition
assum(ed)	suppose to be the case, without proof
exhaust(ed)	drained of one's physical or mental resources; very tired.
authentic	of undisputed origin; genuine
ignorant	lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated
pried	inquire too closely into a person's private affairs
menacing	suggesting the presence of danger; threatening
perch(ed)	(of a bird) alight or rest on something
fretfully	feeling or expressing distress or irritation
ponder(ing)	think about (something) carefully, especially before making a decision or reaching a conclusion
insist(s)	demand something forcefully, not accepting refusal
priority	the fact or condition of being regarded or treated as more important
solitude	the state or situation of being alone
activist	a person who campaigns to bring about political or social change
associated	(of a person or thing) connected with something else.
chide(s)	scold or rebuke
nape	the back of a person's neck

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Chapters 11 - 13	Student-friendly definition
promotion	activity that supports or provides active encouragement for the furtherance of a cause, venture, or aim
croon	hum or sing in a soft, low voice, especially in a sentimental manner
antics	foolish, outrageous, or amusing behavior
addiction(s)	the fact or condition of being addicted to a particular substance, thing, or activity
factor	a circumstance, fact, or influence that contributes to a result or outcome
resolute	admirably purposeful, determined, and unwavering
predict(ed)	stated or estimated as likely to happen in the future; forecast
theory	a supposition or a system of ideas intended to explain something, especially one based on general principles independent of the thing to be explained
deliberating	engage in long and careful consideration
sharecrop(ped)	(of a tenant farmer) cultivate (farmland) giving a part of each crop as rent
inherit	receive (money, property, or a title) as an heir at the death of the previous holder

Chapters 14 - 16	Student-friendly definition
sensation	a physical feeling or perception resulting from something that happens to or comes into contact with the body
swivel	a coupling between two parts enabling one to revolve without turning the other
contribution	a gift or payment to a common fund or collection
vulnerable	susceptible to physical or emotional attack or harm

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Chapters 14 - 16	Student-friendly definition
express	convey (a thought or feeling) in words or by gestures and conduct
cumbersome	large or heavy and therefore difficult to carry or use; unwieldy
earnestly	with sincere and intense conviction; seriously
instinctively	without conscious thought; by natural instinct
liable	responsible by law; legally answerable.
emerges	move out of or away from something and come into view
summon	authoritatively or urgently call on (someone) to be present, especially as a defendant or witness in a law court
quiver	tremble or shake with a slight rapid motion

Chapters 17 - 19	Student-friendly definition
compose(d)	having one's feelings and expression under control; calm
acknowledge	accept or admit the existence or truth of.
alternate	occur in turn repeatedly.
appraising	assess the value or quality of
agitation	a state of anxiety or nervous excitement
harasses	subject to aggressive pressure or intimidation.
berates	scold or criticize (someone) angrily.
intercepted	obstruct (someone or something) so as to prevent them from continuing to a destination

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Chapters 17 - 19	Student-friendly definition
encourage	give support, confidence, or hope to (someone)
genuinely	in a truthful way
various	more than one; several
leisurely	acting or done at leisure; unhurried or relaxed

Chapters 20 - 22	Student-friendly definition
deliberately	consciously and intentionally; on purpose
suspend(ed)	(of a sentence) imposed by a judge or court but not enforced as long as no further offense is committed within a specified period
gleam(ing)	(of a smooth surface) reflecting light, typically because very clean or polished
massive	large and heavy or solid
conclude(s)	bring (something) to an end
saunters	walk in a slow, relaxed manner, without hurry or effort
asylum	the protection granted by a nation to someone who has left their native country as a political refugee
maneuver	a movement or series of moves requiring skill and care
flippantly	lacking proper respect or seriousness
raucous	making or constituting a disturbingly harsh and loud noise

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Chapters 23- 25	Student-friendly definition
sabotage(s)	deliberately destroy, damage, or obstruct (something), especially for political or military advantage.
merge	combine or cause to combine to form a single entity.
scrutinize(s)	examine or inspect closely and thoroughly.
emphasizing	give special importance or prominence to (something) in speaking or writing.
resist(ing)	withstand the action or effect of.

Chapters 26 - 33	Student-friendly definition
exhaust(ed)	drained of one's physical or mental resources; very tired.
testimonial(s)	a formal statement testifying to someone's character and qualifications.
zing(ed)	move rapidly, making a high-pitched ringing or whining noise.
bombard	attack (a place or person) continuously with bombs, shells, or other missiles.
repulsive	rousing intense distaste or disgust
artifact	an object made by a human being, typically an item of cultural or historical interest.
cinche(s)	an extremely easy task.
chide	scold or rebuke.
hypocritical	behaving in a way that suggests one has higher standards or more noble beliefs than is the case.:
extend(ing)	(of a device) able to be lengthened or spread out.
charismatic	exercising a compelling charm which inspires devotion in others.