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| Chapters 1-2       | Student-friendly definition  |
|--------------------|--|
| uneventful (p.2)   | with nothing exciting or unusual happening   |
| gargantuan (p.2)   | extremely large  |
| apocalypse (p.4)   | a situation in which a lot of people die or suffer, and a lot of damage is done  |
| ferocious (p.5)    | violent, dangerous, and frightening  |
| inflict (p.9)      | to make someone suffer something unpleasant  |
| predicament (p.11) | a difficult or unpleasant situation in which you do not know what to do, or in which you have to make a difficult choice             |
| rhinoceros (p. 19) | a large heavy African or Asian animal with thick skin and either one or two horns on its nose  |
| treacherous (p.19) | ground, roads, weather conditions etc that are treacherous are particularly dangerous because you cannot see the dangers very easily |

| Chapters 3-5       | Student-friendly definition   |
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| creamsicle (p. 32) | A flavored popsicle with an ice cream core  |
| formidable (p.36)  | very powerful or impressive, and often frightening  |
| rotund (p.38)      | having a fat round body – used humorously   |
| cement (p.41)      | a thick sticky substance that becomes very hard when it dries and is used for filling holes or sticking things together   |
| sprowl (p. 43)     | if an animal prowls, it moves around an area quietly, especially because it is hunting another animal if an animal prowls, it moves around an area quietly, especially because it is hunting another animal |
| turret (p.72)      | the place on a tank from which guns are fired   |

| Chapters 6-7               | Student-friendly definition  |
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| anarchy (p.76)             | a situation in which there is no effective government in a country or no order in an organization or situation                     |
| gatorade (p.86)            | a type of US drink which is supposed to replace chemicals in the body that are lost when you have been exercising or playing sport |
| grotesque (p.99)           | extremely ugly in a strange or unnatural way   |
| velociraptor (p.100)       | Velociraptor is a genus of dromaeosaurid theropod dinosaur   |
| bruising (p.104)           | purple or brown marks that you get on your skin where you have fallen, been hit etc  |
| Chapters 7-10              | Student-friendly definition  |
| mediation (p. 112)         | to try to end a quarrel between two people, groups, countries etc  |
| fetid (p.116)              | having a strong bad smell  |
| catapult (p.127 )          | a large weapon used in former times to throw heavy stones, iron balls etc  |
| moat (p.127)               | a deep wide hole, usually filled with water, dug around a castle as a defence  |
| veer (p. 136)              | to change direction to change direction  |
| budge (p.146)              | to move, or to make someone or something move  |
| ravage (p. 148)            | to damage something very badly   |
| damsel in distress (p.156) | a young woman who needs help or protection – used humorously   |
| Chapters 11-14             | Student-friendly definition  |
| swell (p.170)              | to become larger and rounder than normal – used especially about parts of the body   |
| perch (p.179)              | if a bird perches on something, it flies down and sits on it   |
| scuffle (p. 180)           | a short fight that is not very violent   |

| <b>Chapters 11-14</b> | <b>Student-friendly definition</b>   |
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| vendetta (p.181)      | a situation in which one person or group tries for a long time to harm another person                                    |
| concoct (p.186)       | to make something, especially food or drink, by mixing different things, especially things that are not usually combined |
| confiscate (p.189)    | to officially take private property away from someone, usually as a punishment   |

  

| <b>Chapters 15-18</b> | <b>Student-friendly definition</b>  |
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| convulsing (p.196)    | if your body or a part of it convulses, it moves violently and you are not able to control it |