

Vocabulary From Literature for...

*The Strange Case of
Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*

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Activity I
Matching Definitions
Chapters 1-3

Directions: Match each of the words below with its definition based on the context in which the word appears in the book. Use the page numbers in parenthesis to locate the word. Then, look up the word in the dictionary, and change any answers that are not correct.

apocryphal (12) prevision (18) emulously (10) pedantically (14)
fortnight (23) holograph (15) coquetry (10)

1. _____ being particular about trivial points
2. _____ advance knowledge
3. _____ two weeks (fourteen nights)
4. _____ a document wholly in the handwriting of its author
5. _____ the act of flirting
6. _____ characterized by a desire for equaling or surpassing
7. _____ fictitious; of doubtful authenticity

apothecary (11) reposed (20) balderdash (16) heresies (23)
besieged (17) florid (10) reprove (9)

8. _____ opinions contrary to generally accepted beliefs
9. _____ rested
10. _____ surrounded by hostile forces
11. _____ gaudy, showy
12. _____ a pharmacist
13. _____ to express disapproval
14. _____ nonsense

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Activity I
Matching Definitions
Chapters 4-8

Directions: Match each of the words below with its definition based on the context in which the word appears in the book. Use the page numbers in parenthesis to locate the word. Then, look up the word in the dictionary, and change any answers that are not correct.

abject (40) mien (39) napery (30) sedulous (44)
baize (47) hypocrisy (29) trifling (28)

1. _____ diligent
2. _____ miserable, wretched
3. _____ table linens
4. _____ bearing or manner
5. _____ a coarse, woolen cloth-like felt
6. _____ having little importance or value
7. _____ pretending to be what one is not

blackguardly (29) unmanning (37) odious (30) lamentation (43)
scud (46) mortify (37) insensate (28) sunder (47)

8. _____ a loud cry or wail
9. _____ to subdue
10. _____ to break apart completely
11. _____ foul
12. _____ without regard or feeling
13. _____ clouds or spray driven by the wind
14. _____ making weak or nervous
15. _____ hateful

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Activity I Matching Definitions Chapters 9-10

Directions: Match each of the words below with its definition based on the context in which the word appears in the book. Use the page numbers in parenthesis to locate the word. Then, look up the word in the dictionary, and change any answers that are not correct.

perennial (60) scruple (61) efficacy (62) transcendental (56)
capacious (68) volatile (53) premonitory (71)

1. _____ capable of holding a large quantity
2. _____ changing to a vapor
3. _____ constant
4. _____ a minute part
5. _____ supernatural
6. _____ being warned in advance
7. _____ effectiveness

feint (65) denizens (60) unscrupulous (63) incongruous (60)
multifarious (60) enigmas (56) acquiescence (72)

8. _____ passive acceptance
9. _____ residents
10. _____ speeches or writings that are difficult to understand
11. _____ lacking moral integrity
12. _____ lacking agreement
13. _____ a false action
14. _____ varied

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Activity II
Writing Synonyms, Definitions, and Sentences
from Context Clues
Chapters 9-10

Directions: Carefully read each excerpt from these chapters and try to determine the synonym or definition for the indicated vocabulary word based the context clues. Then, write a sentence using each word. If you have trouble, consult a dictionary.

1. My life is shaken to its roots; sleep has left me; the deadliest terror sits by me at all hours of the day and night; I feel that my days are numbered, and that I must die; and yet I shall die **incredulous**. As for the moral **turpitude** that man unveiled to me, even with the tears of **penitence**, I cannot, even in memory, dwell on it without a start of horror. (Pg. 56-57)

Definition for **incredulous**: _____

Synonym for **turpitude**: _____

Definition for **penitence**: _____

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Activity III
Synonyms
Chapters 9-10

Directions: Replace each highlighted word in the following passages from the text with an appropriate synonym. As a last resort, you may consult a dictionary, but be careful that the word you select does not greatly alter the meaning of the passage.

1. And yet when I looked upon that ugly idol in the glass, I was conscious of no **repugnance**, rather of a leap of welcome. (Pg. 62)

Synonym for **repugnance**:

2. My devil had been long caged, he came out roaring. I was conscious, even when I took the draught, of a more unbridled, a more furious **propensity** to ill. (Pg. 67)

Synonym for **propensity**:

3. Yet the creature was **astute**; mastered his fury with a great effort of the will; composed his two important letters, one to Lanyon and one to Poole; and that he might receive actual evidence of their being posted, sent them out with directions that they should be registered. (Pg. 70)

Synonym for **astute**:

4. When I would come back from these excursions, I was often plunged into a kind of wonder at my vicarious **depravity**. (Pg. 64)

Synonym for **depravity**: