

Vocabulary From Literature

The Great Gatsby

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Activity I

**Matching Definitions
Chapter 1**

Directions: Match the correct vocabulary word from the list below to the definition. For unfamiliar words consult a dictionary, but keep in mind that dictionary definitions are more complete and you may need to interpret them.

riotous (4)	perpetual (5)	particular (5)	proximity (5)
fractiousness (7)	paternal (7)	imperceptibly (9)	egotism (20)
submerged (13)	profound (13)	ferociously (13)	fervent (13)
devoid (14)	contemptuously (11)	cynical (16)	uninflected (17)

1. _____ without variance or change in the tone or pitch
2. _____ with fierceness; savagery
3. _____ with scorn; with disdain
4. _____ believing that people are motivated in all their actions only by selfishness
5. _____ characteristic of a father; fatherly
6. _____ very gradual or subtle
7. _____ without restraint; having disorder
8. _____ a detail; item of information; point
9. _____ self-conceit, excessive reference to oneself; selfishness
10. _____ completely without; empty
11. _____ marked by intellectual depth
12. _____ hot; burning; glowing
13. _____ covered over; suppressed; hid
14. _____ continuing indefinitely without interruption
15. _____ the quality of being difficult to manage; unruly; rebellious
16. _____ the state or quality of being near; vicinity

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Matching Definitions
Chapters 2, 3

Directions: Match the correct vocabulary word from the list below to the definition. For unfamiliar words consult a dictionary, but keep in mind that dictionary definitions are more complete and you may need to interpret them.

eternal (24)	jovially (25)	facet (25)	perceptible (25)
vitality (25)	languid (30)	ambiguously (34)	fluently (37)
credulity (44)	vacuous (46)	fraternal (50)	tantalizing (52)
apparition (54)	affectations (57)	cardinal (59)	

1. _____ flowing or moving with ease
2. _____ sluggish; dull; slow
3. _____ everlasting, endless
4. _____ having two or more possible meanings
5. _____ anything that appears unexpectedly or in an extraordinary way
6. _____ with great cheer, happiness
7. _____ artificial behavior meant to impress others; mannerisms for effect
8. _____ brotherhood; friendship; unity
9. _____ of main importance; principal; chief
10. _____ that which can be apprehended by the senses; discernible
11. _____ any of a number of sides or aspects
12. _____ tempting; enticing
13. _____ a tendency to believe too readily with little or no proof; faith
14. _____ mental or physical vigor; energy; liveliness
15. _____ having or showing lack of intelligence interest, or thought; stupid; inane

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Matching Definitions
Chapters 4-6

Directions: Match the correct vocabulary word from the list below to the definition. For unfamiliar words consult a dictionary, but keep in mind that dictionary definitions are more complete and you may need to interpret them.

labyrinth (64)
sommnambulatory (69)
ecstatic (85)
genially (105)
exalted (109)

retribution (65)
monopolizing (74)
meditatively (88)
septic (106)

luxuriated (69)
harrowed (85)
reposing (100)
incarnation (111)

1. _____ fully possessing or controlling; dominating completely
2. _____ deep in thought; reflective thought
3. _____ endowment with a human body; appearance in human form
4. _____ placing trust or confidence in someone; relying on
5. _____ punishment for evil done
6. _____ trance-like, similar to sleep-walking
7. _____ overjoyed; elated
8. _____ cheerful; in a friendly way
9. _____ filled with joy; elated
10. _____ toxic, rotten
11. _____ a complicated, perplexing arrangement
12. _____ grew with vigor and in great abundance
13. _____ mentally distressed; tormented

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Activity I

Matching Definitions
Chapters 7-9

Directions: Match the correct vocabulary word from the list below to the definition. For unfamiliar words consult a dictionary, but keep in mind that dictionary definitions are more complete and you may need to interpret them.

dilatory (113)	inviolable (125)	precipitately (125)	tumultuous (126)
portentous (127)	appended (127)	libertine (130)	sagely (131)
pavilions (147)	pasquinade (163)	dejection (147)	humidor (148)
adventitious (163)	extravaganza (148)	superfluous (165)	intermittent (128)
prig (130)	expostulation (138)		

1. _____ very knowledgeable and intelligent
2. _____ large tents most with peaked tops
3. _____ protected or defended from harm
4. _____ container used to keep tobacco moist
5. _____ being improper or offensive
6. _____ rowdy or fierce
7. _____ to oppose or protest
8. _____ very proper or appropriate
9. _____ a parody or a satire, mocking or making fun
10. _____ to add or join together
11. _____ wasting of time or procrastinating
12. _____ without warning; suddenly
13. _____ intimidating or threatening
14. _____ to happen accidentally or by chance
15. _____ occasional or random
16. _____ to be depressed or melancholy
17. _____ a spectacular production or display
18. _____ excessive or unnecessary

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Activity II

Writing Definitions and Sentences from Context Clues
Chapters 7-9

Directions: For each excerpt from these chapters, write a definition for the indicated vocabulary word based on context clues. As a last resort, you may use the dictionary, but the definition you write for each word must make sense in the context it is being used in the passage. Finally, create an original sentence for each word.

1. Only gradually did I become aware that the automobiles which turned expectantly into his drive stayed for just a minute and then drove **sulkily** away. (Pg. 113)

Definition for **sulkily**: _____

Sentence for **sulkily**: _____

2. As my train emerged from the tunnel into sunlight, only the hot whistles of the National Biscuit Company broke the simmering hush at noon. The straw seats of the car **hovered** on the edge of **combustion**; the woman next to me perspired delicately for a while into her white shirtwaist and then, as her newspaper dampened under her fingers, lapsed despairingly into deep heat with a desolate cry. (Pgs. 114-115)

Definition for **hovered**: _____

Sentence for **hovered**: _____

Definition for **combustion**: _____

Sentence for **combustion**: _____
