

*Vocabulary From Literature for...*

# *A Tale of Two Cities*

*by Charles Dickens*

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**Activity I**  
**Matching Definitions**  
**Section I (Pgs. 9-51)**

**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 parentheses to locate the word. Then, look up the word in the dictionary, and change any answers that are not correct.

indignantly (31)  
gaunt (26)

garret (39)  
lamentation (21)

incredulity (9)  
cutlass (14)

atomies (35)  
deplorable (43)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the tiniest parts
2. \_\_\_\_\_ unfortunate, tragic
3. \_\_\_\_\_ sorrow
4. \_\_\_\_\_ an attic
5. \_\_\_\_\_ disbelief
6. \_\_\_\_\_ a type of sword
7. \_\_\_\_\_ thin, slender
8. \_\_\_\_\_ angrily

cadaverous (34)  
mire (10)

flaxen (26)  
tempest (35)

inexorable (19)  
potentate (10)

capitulated (13)  
emphatic (13)

9. \_\_\_\_\_ mud
10. \_\_\_\_\_ a fierce storm
11. \_\_\_\_\_ pale, like a corpse
12. \_\_\_\_\_ one who rules over others
13. \_\_\_\_\_ relentless
14. \_\_\_\_\_ surrendered
15. \_\_\_\_\_ assertive
16. \_\_\_\_\_ blonde

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**Section II (Pgs. 53-111)**

**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 parentheses to locate the word. Then, look up the word in the dictionary, and change any answers that are not correct.

propitiate (108)  
patrician (103)

aphorism (60)  
debauchery (60)

florid (87)  
impediments (79)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ corruption
2. \_\_\_\_\_ obstacles
3. \_\_\_\_\_ a short, wise saying; proverb
4. \_\_\_\_\_ the upper class; aristocracy
5. \_\_\_\_\_ to gain the favor of
6. \_\_\_\_\_ flushed, rosy

escutcheon (99)  
terrestrial (80)

pernicious (66)  
auspicious (65)

affidavit (92)  
purloiner (54)

7. \_\_\_\_\_ an oath
8. \_\_\_\_\_ a thief, robber
9. \_\_\_\_\_ a shield bearing a coat of arms
10. \_\_\_\_\_ earthly
11. \_\_\_\_\_ hopeful
12. \_\_\_\_\_ malicious, evil

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**Section III (Pgs. 113-173)**

**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 parentheses to locate the word. Then, look up the word in the dictionary, and change any answers that are not correct.

scantly (141)      perquisitions (168)      poltroon (161)      ventured (128)  
impenitently (119)      harboured (126)      vociferating (146)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ a coward
2. \_\_\_\_\_ searches
3. \_\_\_\_\_ shielded, protected
4. \_\_\_\_\_ meagerly, inadequately
5. \_\_\_\_\_ replying, voicing
6. \_\_\_\_\_ remorselessly, insensitively
7. \_\_\_\_\_ volunteered

refractory (147)      incorrigible (133)      abnegating (136)      deferentially (125)  
contentious (137)      poniarded (116)      discomfited (170)

8. \_\_\_\_\_ unable to be corrected or fixed
9. \_\_\_\_\_ inconvenient
10. \_\_\_\_\_ denying
11. \_\_\_\_\_ unmanageable
12. \_\_\_\_\_ argumentative, hostile
13. \_\_\_\_\_ respectfully
14. \_\_\_\_\_ pierced or killed by a type of dagger

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**Section IV (Pgs. 175-228)**

**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 parentheses to locate the word. Then, look up the word in the dictionary, and change any answers that are not correct.

conviction (176)      vestige (182)      malady (190)      fidelity (193)  
conflagration (217)      pestilent (223)      agility (209)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ a condition, disease, illness
2. \_\_\_\_\_ lethal, fatal
3. \_\_\_\_\_ a blaze, fire
4. \_\_\_\_\_ loyalty, faithfulness
5. \_\_\_\_\_ gracefulness, nimbleness
6. \_\_\_\_\_ certainty
7. \_\_\_\_\_ evidence

apocryphal (178)      reconciliation (181)      commenced (192)      menacingly (199)  
demented (201)      inundation (203)      squalid (207)      inclination (208)

8. \_\_\_\_\_ threateningly
9. \_\_\_\_\_ a tendency
10. \_\_\_\_\_ foul
11. \_\_\_\_\_ fictitious; of questionable authenticity
12. \_\_\_\_\_ a flood, overflow
13. \_\_\_\_\_ began, started
14. \_\_\_\_\_ insane
15. \_\_\_\_\_ the act of repairing a relationship or situation

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**Section V (Pgs. 229-284)**

**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 parentheses to locate the word. Then, look up the word in the dictionary, and change any answers that are not correct.

retarded (230)  
imperil (245)

sentiment (236)  
injunction (251)

ligatures (242)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ a compromise; risk
2. \_\_\_\_\_ a feeling, opinion
3. \_\_\_\_\_ an order, command
4. \_\_\_\_\_ bindings, such as cloth ones to tie the wrists of prisoners
5. \_\_\_\_\_ stopped, hindered

superseded (254)  
reverently (268)

inclement (258)  
vaunting (281)

zealous (268)

6. \_\_\_\_\_ enthusiastic
7. \_\_\_\_\_ calling attention to
8. \_\_\_\_\_ took the place of, replaced
9. \_\_\_\_\_ stormy
10. \_\_\_\_\_ respectfully