

Hard Choices Unit Vocabulary

Words to Own

irrevocable

- adjective
- irreversible; incapable of being canceled or undone

remote

- adjective
- distant

contrivance

- noun
- artificial arrangement; invention, plan, or mechanical device

furtive

- adjective
- acting as if trying not to be seen;
done secretly

ingenious

- adjective
- made or done in a clever or inventive way

apprehension

- noun
- dread; fear of a future event

ponderous

- adjective
- heavy and slow-moving

paramount

- adjective
- supreme; dominant

quizzical

- adjective
- puzzled; questioning

luminous

- adjective
- glowing; giving off light

doctrine

- noun
- principle; teaching; belief

placidly

- adverb
- calmly; in an undisturbed way

perversity

- noun
- stubborn opposition or contrariness

derisive

- adjective
- mocking

annihilate

- verb
- destroy; demolish

increment

- noun
- small increases

concussion

- noun
- powerful shock or impact

conspicuous

- adjective
- obvious or easy to see

infinite

- adjective
- endless

rifling

- verb (used as noun/gerund in text)
- searching thoroughly or in a rough manner

reproach

- noun
- blame; expression of disapproval

pensive

- adjective
- dreamily thoughtful

negligently

- adverb
- carelessly; in a neglectful or indifferent manner

absolved

- verb
- freed from guilt, blame, or responsibility

diligently

- adverb
- in a steady, careful, and hard-working manner

dubious

- adjective
- doubtful; not sure

cowering

- verb (used as adjective in text)
- drawing back or huddling in fear

immutable

- adjective
- unchangeable; never changing or varying

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vexation

- noun
- a cause of annoyance; irritation; nuisance

mortification

- noun
- a feeling of humiliation or shame;
extreme embarrassment

contentious

- adjective
- tending to argument or strife;
quarrelsome

fractious

- adjective
- readily angered; irritable; unruly

amiable

- adjective
- having or showing pleasant, good-natured personal qualities; friendly; agreeable

auspicious

- adjective
- promising success; favorable; fortunate

cordiality

- noun
- friendliness; an expression of warm feelings

asinine

- adjective
- extremely foolish, unintelligent, or silly

rigid

- adjective
- stiff or unyielding; firmly set; inflexible

meditative

- adjective
- contemplative; given to deep thought; reflective

desolate

- adjective
- barren or empty; solitary; gloomy

unfathomable

- adjective
- not able to be understood

accosted

- verb
- confronted boldly; approached or addressed aggressively

perpetrated

- verb
- committed; committed an immoral action

fluently

- adverb
- effortlessly; easily; readily

feeble

- adjective
- physically weak from old age; frail; lacking strength

peril

- noun
- extreme danger or threat; grave risk; jeopardy

meekly

- adverb
- overly submissively; humbly; modestly; patiently

jubilantly

- adverb
- joyously; exuberantly; with great joy or satisfaction

melancholy

- adjective
- gloomy; depressed; sad; mournful; pensive

appalling

- adjective
- causing dismay or horror; alarming; dreadful

haughty

- adjective
- disdainfully proud; snobbish; scornfully arrogant

qualms

- noun
- uneasy feelings or pangs of conscience as to conduct; hesitations; misgivings

tedious

- adjective
- long and tiresome; wordy so as to cause weariness or boredom

formidable

- adjective
- of discouraging or awesome strength; intimidating

fortitude

- noun
- mental and emotional strength in facing difficulty, adversity, danger, or temptation courageously

placid

- adjective
- pleasantly calm or peaceful

begrudge

- verb
- be reluctant to give, grant, or allow; envy or resent the pleasure or good fortune of (someone)

profane

- adjective
- not respectful of religious practice; unholy; common; vulgar; heathen; irreverent; pagan

eccentricities

- noun
- oddities or peculiarities of conduct

endearing

- verb
- tending to make dear or beloved; manifesting or evoking affection; charming; lovable

evoked

- verb
- Called up or produced (memories or feelings); aroused; elicited

wrathfully

- adverb
- very angrily; furiously

subtlety

- noun
- delicacy or nicety of character or meaning; nuance; distinction

impudent

- adjective
- related to impertinence; brazen; rude; shameless; impertinent; sassy

weary

- adjective
- physically or mentally exhausted; fatigued; tired

obscure

- adjective
- not clear or plain; vague; uncertain; ambiguous; of little or no prominence

infantile

- adjective
- childish; babyish; immature

commenced

- verb
- began; started

recluse

- noun
- hermit; a person who lives in seclusion or apart from society

profound

- adjective
- of deep meaning; having deep insight or understanding; intelligent

gallant

- adjective
- exceptionally polite and attentive to women; chivalrous; courtly

drone

- noun
- a monotonous low tone;
humming or buzzing sound

competent

- adjective
- Having suitable or sufficient skill, knowledge, or experience, etc., for some purpose; properly qualified

disengaged

- Verb
- released from attachment or connection; loosened; unfastened

