



VOCABULARY LIST FOR  
**THE HAUNTING**  
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**ABOLITIONIST:** A person who stood against the practice of owning slaves.

**ATTORNEY:** A person who practices law; lawyer.

**AUDITORIUM:** A large room to accommodate an audience in a building school or theater.

**BEWILDERED:** Confused, befuddled, mixed up.

**BLASPHEMY:** Disrespect of something thought of as sacred, disrespectful language.

**BONA FIDE:** True, real, not deceptive or fraudulent.

**BRUSQUELY:** Roughly and abruptly; short in manner.

**BUDGET:** Having to do with income and expenses; managing money

**CAMOUFLAGED:** Blending into a background in such a way that a person or thing can't be seen.

**CARBON PAPER:** A thin sheet of paper coated on one side with a dark waxy pigment, that is transferred by the pressure of writing or of typewriter keys onto the copying surface below.

**CATERWAULING:** To howl or screech; to utter long wailing cries, as cats in heat.

**CEREMONIOUSLY:** Especially polite or formal.

**CHORUSED:** Said all at once by many.

**CHUTE:** A passage or shaft for conveying water, grain, coal, etc., to a lower level.

**CREDENTIALS:** Letters or certificates that provide proof of the bearer's identity or abilities.

**CRUCIAL:** Involving an extremely important decision or result; decisive; critical.

**CUBICLE:** A partially or totally enclosed section of a room; a small space or compartment partitioned off.

**DAWDLE:** To waste time; idle; trifle; loiter.

**DECOY:** Something designed to deceive an enemy or divert his/her attention.

**DEPRIVATION:** To withhold something from the enjoyment or possession of someone.

**DERVISHES:** Members of a religious group who are noted for a frenzied, energetic, whirling dance.

**DIABOLICAL:** Devilish, outrageously wicked.

**DISCREETLY:** Carefully and quietly, with a decorous manner.

**DISRUPTING:** Causing disorder or turmoil.

**DUBBED:** Named or called; nicknamed.

**EARMARKED:** Set aside for a specific purpose, use, recipient, etc.

**EMBEZZLING:** To take or steal money or property entrusted to one's care.

**EMBROIDERED:** Decorated with ornamental needlework.

**ETCETERA:** And the rest; and others; and so forth: used at the end of a list to show that other items of the same class or type should be considered or included. Etcetera is often abbreviated to 'etc.'

**EULOGY:** A formal speech or piece of writing praising a person or thing, especially a person who has recently died.

**EXTERIOR:** A part, surface, or region that is on the outside.

**FAULTLESS:** Without fault; perfect or blameless.

**FICTITIOUS:** Fake; not genuine or authentic; false.

**FOUNDLINGS:** A foundling is an infant or small child found abandoned; a child without a known parent or guardian.

**FRAUD:** Deliberate deception, trickery, or cheating.

**GROGGINESS:** Dazed from sleep.

**HEIMLICH MANEUVER:** An emergency technique used to eject an object, such as food, from the throat of a choking person.

**HOODLUM:** A thug or gangster.

**ILLUMINATED:** Lighted up, brightened or made clear with light.

**IMPECCABLE:** Without flaw or error; faultless: an impeccable record.

**INCIDENT:** An individual occurrence or event.

**INFRACTION:** To break a law or disobey a rule.

**INTERROGATING:** Questioning of one person by another.

**INTERVENE:** To come between people who are arguing or disagreeing; mediate.

**IRREGULARITIES:** Things that seem out of order or are not what they are supposed to be.

**KIBOSH:** To put an end to; squelch; to stop, to halt.

**LARDER:** A room or place where food is kept; pantry.

**LECTERN:** A stand with a slanted top, used to hold a book, speech, manuscript, etc., at the proper height for a reader or speaker.

**LEVITATION:** The raising of a body or object in air by supernatural means.

**MEDDLESOME:** Interfering, nosy, troublesome.

**MEGAPHONE:** A cone-shaped device for magnifying or directing the voice, chiefly used in addressing a large audience out of doors or in calling to someone at a distance.

**MELODRAMA:** A play or film in which the plot is often sensational and the characters may display exaggerated emotion.

**MENACINGLY:** In a threatening way.

**MILLISECOND:** One thousandth of a second.

**MOONSHINE:** Illegally made whiskey and other alcohol.

**OBSTACLES:** An obstacle is something that gets in the way of, obstructs, or interferes with progress.

**ODIOUS:** Deserving or causing hatred; hateful; detestable; disgusting.

**OMINOUS:** Threatening, foreboding evil.

**ORNATE:** Highly decorative.

**PAMPERED:** Babied; coddled ;spoiled, indulged.

**PANTRY:** A room or closet in which food, groceries, and other provisions, or silverware, dishes, etc., are kept.

**PAUPERS:** People who are very poor.

**PHANTOM:** An illusion, vision, figment of the imagination.

**PRIDE:** A group of lions.

**PROFIT:** Money made; income.

**PROLOGUE:** An introductory scene, preceding the first act of a play, opera, etc.

**PROVISIONS:** Food and other necessities.

**QT:** Slang for quiet.

**REALM:** The region, sphere, or dimension within which anything occurs.

**REFRAIN:** To stop or abstain from an impulse to say or do something

**RICKETS:** A disease of childhood that results in the softening of the bones and can cause bow legs and other problems with bone development.

**SCOT-FREE:** To get away with something without harm, loss, or penalty; without being caught or punished.

**SCOWLED:** Frowned; gloomy or threatening look.

**SCURVY:** A disease caused by a lack of vitamin C, resulting in problems with bones and teeth.

**SEVERANCE:** Money or wages paid to an employee who is dismissed because of lack of work or other reasons beyond the employee's control.

**SHENANIGANS:** Mischief, pulling pranks.

**SHIRK:** To escape or get out of work, duties, or responsibilities.

**SINCERITY:** Earnestness, commitment, reflecting true feeling.

**SKEPTICAL:** Not convinced that something is true; doubtful, disbelieving.

**SKULLDUGGERY:** Trickery, dishonesty.

**SLANDEROUS:** False and lying comments said about a person or persons.

**SLOGAN:** A distinctive saying, phrase, or motto of any party, group, business, or person; catchword or catch phrase.

**SMIRKING:** To smile in a sarcastic, scornful, or smug way.

**SPARSE:** Not thick or dense; thin.

**STRATEGIC:** Planning and directing military movements and operations.

**SUSPENDED:** Hanging in the air.

**TAXIDERMY:** The art of preparing and preserving the skins of animals and of stuffing and mounting them in lifelike form.

**TECHNICIANS:** Trained or skilled in repairing or operating equipment, or doing practical work in a particular field.

**URGENT:** Needing immediate attention.

**VANDALIZING:** Destroying or damaging something deliberately.

**VAPOROUS:** Foggy, misty.

**VOUCH:** To guarantee or support as being true and reliable.

