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# Vocabulary:

## *Into the Deep*

**1. deftly (DEFT-lee)** *adjective*; To do something deftly is to do it easily and skillfully. If Jake deftly changes the subject, he changes the subject smoothly. If Mario is deftly tossing pizza dough, he is gracefully tossing and catching it.

**2. gnash (nash)** *verb*; To gnash is to strike or grind one's teeth together—especially in anger or pain, or to show fierceness. Two fighting lions might gnash their teeth at each other.

**3. justified (JUHS-tuh-fahyd)** *adjective*; The verb *justify* (JUHS-tuh-fahy) means to give a reason for why you think something is right or reasonable. If your math teacher asks you to justify your answer to the Problem of the Day, he wants you to explain how you got your answer and prove that it's correct.

The adjective *justified* means "reasonable and acceptable." If you describe a decision, an action, or an idea as justified, you think there is a good reason for it.

**4. menacing (MEHN-is-ing)** *adjective*; The verb *menace* (MEHN-is) means "to threaten." If a cat is swiping at every dog that walks by, the cat is menacing the dogs in the neighborhood.

The adjective *menacing* describes something that is threatening or suggests the presence of danger. The Joker speaks to Batman in a menacing voice. Dark storm clouds make the sky look menacing.

**5. renounce (ri-NOUNS)** *verb*; To renounce something is to announce that you refuse to follow, obey, or support it any longer. In other words, you officially give it up. If Kara tells Dan that she is renouncing meat, she means that she has decided to stop eating meat.

**6. skewer (SKY00-er)** *noun or verb*; A skewer is a long, thin pointed piece of wood or metal that is pushed through pieces of meat or other food to keep them together while cooking. Anything that is shaped or used like a skewer can be called a skewer.

As a verb, *skewer* means "to push a skewer through." You might skewer marshmallows with a sharpened stick when you're making s'mores over a campfire.

**7. torrent (TOR-uhnt)** *noun*; A torrent is a rushing stream of water or some other liquid. You would have to shout to be heard over the roaring torrents of water at Niagara Falls.

*Torrent* can also refer to a flood of something other than a liquid, as in, “Chris received a torrent of fan mail after winning *The Voice*.”

**8. unfurl (uhn-FURL)** *verb*; To furl something is to roll or fold it up neatly and securely. To unfurl something is to open it up and spread it out. You might unfurl a blanket, a flag, a banner—anything that can be rolled or folded up.

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**Directions:** In the space below and on the back of this page (if necessary), list any other words from the play whose definitions you are not sure about. For each word, use context clues to try to figure out the meaning. Then look up the word in a few different dictionaries. Discuss the meaning of the word with your teacher or another adult. Then write a definition for the word and one example sentence.

# Vocabulary Practice

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**Directions:** Answer each question below. Briefly explain your answer.

1. Which sound is more menacing—a hiccup or a growl?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Why:** \_\_\_\_\_

3. Which item might you unfurl—a sheet or a baseball?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Why:** \_\_\_\_\_

2. Which might you skewer—the vegetables you're grilling for dinner or the books you need to do your homework?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Why:** \_\_\_\_\_

4. Which activity would be more likely cause you to gnash your teeth—lifting heaving rocks or playing the piano?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Why:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Rewrite each sentence below using one of the following words. You will not use one of the words.

renounce

menacing

torrent

justified

deftly

5. Drew's mother thought Drew's reason for breaking curfew was acceptable.

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6. At lunch, Sarah told her friends, "I am abandoning social media."

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7. As the fire alarm sounded, a flood of water gushed from the sprinklers on the ceiling.

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8. Kyle dribbled the ball awkwardly at the beginning of the season, but now he handles the ball beautifully.

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