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Vocabulary:

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1. **audacious (aw-DAY-shuhs)** *adjective*; *Audacious* means “very bold or daring.” An audacious mountain climber takes shocking risks and goes places most people wouldn’t go. An audacious plan is highly original and inventive but also risky.
2. **brooch (brohch)** *noun*; A brooch is a fancy piece of jewelry that is fastened to a person’s clothing with a pin.
3. **contort (kuhn-TORT)** *verb*; To contort is to twist, bend out of shape, or strain in an unnatural way. Trees sometimes contort as they grow, getting curves and kinks in their limbs. If a basketball player gets injured during a game, his face might contort in pain.
4. **disposition (dis-puh-ZISH-uhn)** *noun*; A person’s usual mood or their general attitude about life is their disposition. Someone who is usually upbeat can be described as having a cheerful disposition. *Disposition* can also mean “inclination or tendency.” Perhaps you have a disposition to laugh when you are nervous, or perhaps you have a disposition to help others.
5. **doleful (DOHL-fuhl)** *adjective*; Something that is doleful is very sad. A song with a doleful melody might fill you with sorrow. You might have a doleful expression on your face after you realize you just shut down your computer without saving your work.
6. **gilded (GIL-duhd)** *adjective*; Something that is gilded is covered with a thin layer of gold.
7. **glint (glint)** *verb or noun*; As a verb, *glint* means “to give off a reflection in brilliant flashes,” as in “The sun glinted off the top of the waves.”

A glint is a tiny, bright flash or flicker of light. You might notice a glint of light from someone’s diamond ring.

8. impartial (im-PAHR-shuhl) *adjective*; *Partial* (PAHR-shuhl) means “favoring one person, group, side, etc. over another.”

The prefix *im* means “not” or “opposite of.” Something that is impartial is not partial. Rather, it is fair and treats or affects everyone involved equally.

Directions: Below or on the back of this page, 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: Rewrite each sentence using a form of one of the words in the box. There are two words you will not use.

impartial disposition audacious doleful gilded

1. The man downstairs seems to be an unpleasant person, always angry or yelling at people.

2. "What a daring and unusual idea," said Kaitlyn. "I think it might just work!"

3. The school newspaper made sure not to favor one student council president candidate over another.

Directions: Underline the boldfaced word in each pair that best completes the sentence.

4. My grandmother always wears a **disposition/brooch** on the collar of her coat.

5. Jeremy **contorted/gilded** his body as he squeezed through the narrow opening in the gate.

6. Our family was **doleful/impartial** about the loss of our pet.

7. The museum's portraits are in fancy **gilded/doleful** frames.

8. **Brooches/Glints** of sunlight broke through the cracks in the cave walls.