

## English Literature Paper 1: 'A Christmas Carol' and 'Macbeth' – Vocabulary List

Word	Definition	In a sentence	Synonyms
1. <b>Anguished</b>	Adjective: experiencing or expressing severe mental or physical pain or suffering.	<i>As he fell heavily to the ground, he gave an <b>anguished</b> cry.</i>	Agonised Tormented
2. <b>Antagonise</b>	Verb: to anger someone enough for them to dislike you.	<i>They deliberately, repeatedly <b>antagonised</b> him so that he would feel obliged to leave.</i>	Alienate Provoke
3. <b>Avaricious</b>	Adjective: having or showing an extreme greed for wealth or material gain.	<i>He had created a corrupt and <b>avaricious</b> government.</i>	Covetous Greedy
4. <b>Dichotomy</b>	Noun: the difference between two completely opposite ideas or things.	<i>There is often a <b>dichotomy</b> between what politicians say and what they do.</i>	Separation Gulf
5. <b>Disparity</b>	Noun: a lack of equality or similarity, especially in a way that is not fair.	<i>There was a growing <b>disparity</b> between rich and poor.</i>	Gulf Discrepancy
6. <b>Dissatisfied</b>	Adjective: not pleased with something; feeling that something is not as good as it should be.	<i>He felt increasingly <b>dissatisfied</b> with his life as he approached middle age.</i>	Discontented Disgruntled
7. <b>Duplicitous</b>	Adjective: intentionally hiding true feelings behind false words/ actions.	<i>They were warned about her <b>duplicitous</b> and dishonest nature.</i>	Deceitful Devious
8. <b>Hubris</b>	Noun: excessive pride or self-confidence.	<i>His <b>hubris</b> convinced him that he was superior to everyone around him.</i>	Arrogance Pride
9. <b>Illuminating</b>	Adjective: giving you new information about a subject or making it easier to understand.	<i>The class had a most <b>illuminating</b> discussion about Shakespeare.</i>	Revealing Enlightening
10. <b>Inherent</b>	Adjective: existing as naturally part of something.	<i>She was <b>inherently</b> kind and considerate to others.</i>	Intrinsic Innate
11. <b>Insidious</b>	Adjective: (of something unpleasant or dangerous) gradually and secretly causing harm.	<i>It is an <b>insidious</b> system of taxation, which discriminates against the poor in favour of the rich.</i>	Stealthy Surreptitious
12. <b>Intolerable</b>	Adjective: too bad or unpleasant to deal with or accept.	<i>The constant fighting made life at home <b>intolerable</b>.</i>	Unbearable Insufferable

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<b>13. Mercenary</b>	Adjective: describing someone who is primarily motivated by personal gain.	<i>His <b>mercenary</b> attitude led him to pursue his own desires whatever the cost to others.</i>	Covetous Selfish
<b>14. Nefarious</b>	Adjective: wicked or criminal behaviour.	<i>The tyrant's <b>nefarious</b> actions were a shock to everyone when the truth emerged.</i>	Villainous Heinous
<b>15. Ominous</b>	Adjective: suggesting that something unpleasant is likely to happen.	<i>The engine had been making an <b>ominous</b> sound all the way from my parents' house.</i>	Menacing Forbidding
<b>16. Perturbed</b>	Adjective: worried and concerned.	<i>He didn't seem overly <b>perturbed</b> by the news.</i>	Troubled Concerned
<b>17. Repentant</b>	Adjective: feeling sorry for something that you have done.	<i>She is truly <b>repentant</b> for her incredible naivety and foolishness.</i>	Remorseful Ashamed
<b>18. Resolute</b>	Adjective: determined in character, action, or ideas.	<i>He was utterly <b>resolute</b> in his refusal to apologise.</i>	Adamant Undaunted
<b>19. Revelatory</b>	Adjective: making something known or showing something that was previously secret.	<i>Reading the novel had been a <b>revelatory</b> experience.</i>	Intriguing Transformative
<b>20. Sceptical</b>	Adjective: doubting what others accept to be true.	<i>She was <b>sceptical</b> of newspaper's sensationalised headlines.</i>	Doubtful Mistrustful
<b>21. Self-imposed</b>	Adjective: decided by yourself, without being influenced or ordered by other people.	<i>Her decision to isolate herself from others was <b>self-imposed</b>.</i>	Elective Intentional
<b>22. Subvert</b>	Verb: to go against something that is well established.	<i>The character of Lady Macbeth initially <b>subverts</b> gender stereotypes.</i>	Destabilise Overturn
<b>23. Unscrupulous</b>	Adjective: having or showing no moral principles; not honest or fair.	<i>She was cruel, <b>unscrupulous</b>, and vicious, and the country suffered under her rule.</i>	Unprincipled Immoral
<b>24. Usurp</b>	Verb: to take control/a position of power without having the right to do so.	<i>The student attempted to <b>usurp</b> the authority of the teacher.</i>	Seize Take

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