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Chapter 1	Student-friendly definition
Irrationally (p. 3)	Not based on clear thought or reason
Descend (p. 4)	To move from a higher level to a lower one
Spirits (p. 4)	A creature without a physical body that some people believe exists, such as an angel or a dead person, who has returned to this world and has strange or magical powers
Grief (p. 5)	Extreme sadness, especially because someone you love has died

Chapter 2	Student-friendly definition
Supernatural (p. 10)	Impossible to explain by natural causes, and therefore seeming to involve the powers of gods or magic

Chapter 3	Student-friendly definition
Scullery (p. 15)	A room next to the kitchen in a large house, where cleaning jobs were done in past times
Prickling (p. 15)	If you feel a prickle of fear, anger, or excitement, you feel slightly afraid, angry, or excited in a way that makes your skin feel slightly cold and uncomfortable
Hospice (p. 16)	A special hospital for people who are dying
Blunt (p. 18)	Not sharp or pointed
Forlornly (p. 18)	Seeming lonely and unhappy

Chapter 4	Student-friendly definition
Battered (p. 22)	Old and in bad condition
Abandoned (p. 24)	Left by the people who owned or used it
Condolence (p. 24)	Sympathy for someone who has had something bad happen to them, especially when someone has died
Grudgingly (p. 26)	To do or give something very unwillingly
Balefully (p. 27)	Expressing anger, hatred, or a wish to harm someone
Suspicion (p. 27)	A feeling you have that someone is probably guilty of doing something wrong or dishonest
Reputation (p. 29)	The opinion that people have about someone or something because of what has happened in the past
Relieved (p. 29)	Feeling happy because you are no longer worried about something
Transformative (p. 32)	Causing a marked change in someone or something
Drag Queen (p. 34)	A homosexual man who dresses as a woman, especially to entertain people
Pity (p. 34)	Sympathy for a person or animal who is suffering or unhappy
Mirage (p. 36)	An effect caused by hot air in a desert, which makes you think that you can see objects when they are not actually there

Chapter 5	Student-friendly definition
Self-conscious (p. 37)	Worried and embarrassed about what you look like or what other people think of you
Gradually (p. 39)	Slowly, over a long period of time
Uncertainty (p. 39)	When you feel doubt about what will happen
Logical (p. 41)	Seeming reasonable
Isolated (p. 43)	Far away from others

Chapter 6	Student-friendly definition
Significant (p. 45)	Very important
Heroine (p. 46)	A female hero
Hollow (p. 46)	Having an empty space inside
Presence (p. 46)	A spirit or influence that cannot be seen but is felt to be near
Strewn (p. 47)	To lie scattered over something
Void (p. 47)	An empty area of space where nothing exists
Coincidence (p. 50)	When two things happen at the same time, in the same place, or to the same people in a way that seems surprising or unusual
Impenetrable (p. 58)	Impossible to get through, see through, or get into

Chapter 7	Student-friendly definition
Averted (p. 59)	To prevent something unpleasant from happening
Suppress (p. 59)	To stop people from opposing the government, especially by using force
Dissipate (p. 59)	To gradually become less or weaker before disappearing completely, or to make something do this
Sincere (p. 61)	A feeling, belief, or statement that is honest or true, based on what you really feel and believe
Revenue (p. 61)	Money that a business or organization receives over a period of time, especially from selling goods or services
Orphan (p. 63)	A child whose parents have died
Sabotage (p. 63)	To secretly damage or destroy so that it cannot be used
Decipher (p. 65)	To find the meaning of something that is difficult to read or understand
Nonchalant (p. 66)	Behaving calmly and not seeming interested in anything or worried about anything

Chapter 8	Student-friendly definition
Nostalgic (p. 72)	Feeling happy when remembering a time in the past; in some ways, you wish that things had not changed
Gingerly (p. 74)	A slow, careful touch because you are afraid it will be dangerous or painful
Conclusive (p. 77)	Showing that something is definitely true
Jaunty (p. 77)	Showing that you are confident and happy
Undercurrent (p. 78)	A feeling, especially of anger or dissatisfaction, that people do not express openly
Chipper (p. 78)	Happy and active
Inclined (p. 79)	More likely to

Chapter 9	Student-friendly definition
Urgency (p. 83)	To move quickly, with a purpose
Crescendo (p. 84)	Gradually becoming louder until it is very loud
Scarcely (p. 88)	Almost not or almost none at all
Sensible (p. 93)	Reasonable, practical, and showing good judgment
Efficient (p. 93)	Working well without wasting time, money, or energy

Chapter 10	Student-friendly definition
Bargaining (p. 96)	Discussion in order to reach an agreement
Prying (p. 97)	Try to find out details about someone else's private life in an impolite way
Distress (p. 98)	A feeling of extreme unhappiness
Grubby (p. 99)	fairly dirty
Abnormally (p. 100)	Not normal
Avenging (p. 101)	To do something to hurt or punish someone because they have harmed or offended you
Manifest (p. 101)	To show a feeling or attitude
Companionable (p. 101)	Friendly and pleasant to be with

Chapter 11	Student-friendly definition
Ouija (p. 106)	A board with letters and signs on it, which some people believe can be used to receive messages from dead people
Planchette (p. 107)	A small board
Envy (p. 107)	Jealousy

Chapter 12	Student-friendly definition
Complexion (p. 113)	The natural color or appearance of the skin on your face
Subconscious (p. 119)	Feelings and desires hidden in your mind and affect your behavior, but you do not know that you have them
Maddeningly (p. 123)	Very annoying
Impression (p. 123)	The opinion or feeling you have about someone or something because of the way they seem

Chapter 13	Student-friendly definition
Accumulated (p. 124)	To gradually get more and more over time
Transgender (p. 127)	A general word for people who feel that they belong to the other sex, and not the sex they were born with, and express this in their behaviors

Chapter 14	Student-friendly definition
Translucent (p. 133)	See through
Remnants (p. 134)	a small part of something that remains after the rest of it has been used, destroyed, or eaten
Churning (p. 140)	Selling things for more than what it is worth to make money

Chapters 15-18	Student-friendly definition
Subtly (p. 146)	Not easy to notice or understand unless you pay careful attention
Shorn (p. 158)	Past tense of "shear" which is to cut the wool off an animal

Chapter 19	Student-friendly definition
Underestimated (p. 164)	To think or guess that something is smaller than it really is
Obliterating (p. 165)	To destroy something so that nothing remains
Receded (p. 166)	Going further away until it disappears
Disbelief (p. 167)	Not able to believe

Chapter 20	Student-friendly definition
Jittery (p. 170)	Jumpy, often from nerves
Contrasted (p. 171)	A difference
Assurance (p. 171)	A promise that something will definitely happen or is true to make someone worry less
Proactive (p. 172)	Making things happen or change rather than reacting to events
Assumption (p. 172)	Something you think is true although you have no proof
Segregated (p. 172)	Kept separate
Confidential (p. 172)	Kept a secret
Insecurities (p. 173)	Things in which you do not feel confident about yourself, your abilities, or relationships with people
Harassed (p. 173)	To make someone's life unpleasant by saying offensive things or threatening them

Chapter 21	Student-friendly definition
Climax (p. 177)	The most exciting part of a story or experience
Telepathy (p. 177)	A way of communicating in which thoughts are sent from one person's mind to another person's mind
Brimming (p. 180)	To be full of a certain feeling