

Matilda

VOCABULARY

Chapters 1 - 3	Student-friendly definition
devour p. 9	when you read or eat something very quickly and eagerly
fascination p. 9	when you are so interested in something that you cannot look away
formidable p. 14	when something is so large or powerful that it makes you a little afraid
ignorant p. 18	when you do not know much about something or have not learned it
tremendous p. 20	when something is extremely large, strong, or impressive
suspicion p. 29	when you have a feeling that something is wrong or that someone is lying
innocent p. 29	when you have done nothing wrong and are not to blame

Chapters 4 - 6	Student-friendly definition
dread p. 34	when you feel very afraid of something that is going to happen
obedient p. 46	when you do what you are told without arguing
exhausted p. 51	when you are so tired that you have no energy left
quiver p. 57	when you shake a little because you are scared, cold, or upset

Chapters 7 - 9	Student-friendly definition
menace p. 63	when someone or something looks likely to cause harm
solemn p. 69	when you are very serious and not joking or smiling

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Chapters 7 - 9	Student-friendly definition
prodigy p. 71	when you are a child who is amazingly skilled at something very early
reluctant p. 75	when you do something even though you do not really want to
bellow p. 85	when you shout in a very loud, deep voice
frail p. 90	when you are weak and look as if you could be easily hurt
despise p. 96	when you dislike someone or something very strongly

Chapters 10 - 12	Student-friendly definition
loathe p. 98	when you hate something so much that you cannot stand it
enthrall p. 104	when you are so interested that you give something your full attention
mesmerized p. 111	when you are so amazed by something that you cannot stop watching
peculiar p. 123	when something is strange or unusual in a way you notice
triumph p. 125	when you win or succeed after a hard struggle
determine p. 132	when you have firmly decided to do something and will not give up

Chapters 13 - 15	Student-friendly definition
concentrate p. 149	when you give all your attention to one thing
malice p. 157	when you want to hurt or be cruel to someone on purpose
vile p. 157	when something is so unpleasant that it disgusts you
topple p. 161	when something tall or heavy tips over and falls

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Chapters 13 - 15	Student-friendly definition
dreadful p. 166	when something is so bad that it upsets or frightens you

Chapters 16 - 19	Student-friendly definition
phenomenon p. 174	when something happens that is remarkable or hard to explain
precocious p. 175	when you are a child who acts or thinks like someone much older
terror p. 193	when you feel extreme fear
cautious p. 201	when you are careful and try to avoid taking risks
extraordinary p. 202	when something is so unusual that it surprises everyone
summon p. 207	when you gather up your strength or call something to come

Chapters 20 - 21	Student-friendly definition
recite p. 212	when you say something out loud from memory
elated p. 219	when you feel extremely happy and full of joy
vanish p. 222	when something disappears suddenly and completely
frantic p. 225	when you are so worried or hurried that you can barely think
extraordinary p. 202	when something is so unusual that it surprises everyone