

The Giver

VOCABULARY

Chapters 1 - 5	Student-friendly definition
ironic p. 1	when something turns out the opposite of what you would expect, often in a pointed or amusing way
palpable p. 2	when a feeling is so strong you can almost physically sense it in the air
jeering p. 2	when you mock or laugh at someone in a rude, unkind way
distraught p. 3	when you are so upset or worried that you can barely think clearly
apprehensive p. 3	when you feel worried or uneasy that something bad might happen
wheedle p. 4	when you use flattery or gentle coaxing to get someone to give you what you want
transgression p. 8	when you break a rule or do something you were not supposed to do
confided p. 11	when you tell someone a secret or private thing because you trust them
adherence p. 11	when you stick closely to a rule, belief, or plan
fascinate p. 11	when something interests you so much that you cannot look away
suspense p. 14	when you feel nervous or excited because you do not yet know what will happen
aptitude p. 14	when you have a natural skill or talent for something
disposition p. 16	when you have a usual mood or way of behaving that is part of who you are
rarity p. 20	when something is so unusual that it is almost never seen or found
petulantly p. 21	when you act grumpy and childish because you did not get what you wanted

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nondescript p. 23	when something is so plain and ordinary that nothing about it stands out
mystified p. 24	when you are completely confused and cannot understand what is happening
gravitating p. 25	when you are drawn toward something again and again as if pulled to it
disgrace p.27	when you lose others' respect because of something shameful you did
serene p. 28	when you are calm, peaceful, and untroubled
frail p. 29	when you are weak and delicate and could be easily hurt
infraction p. 34	when you break a rule, usually a small one
vividly p. 34	when you see or remember something so clearly it feels sharp and real

Chapters 6 - 9	Student-friendly definition
exuberant p. 43	when you are so full of energy and joy that it bursts out of you
invariably p. 45	when something happens every single time, without change
meticulously p. 47	when you do something with great care and attention to every small detail
precision p. 54	when you do something in an exact, careful, and accurate way
unanimous p. 61	when everyone in a group fully agrees, with no one disagreeing
integrity p. 61	when you are honest and hold firmly to what you believe is right
meticulously p. 47	when you do something with great care and attention to every small detail
integral p. 69	when something is such a necessary part of a whole that it cannot be left out

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Chapters 10 - 14	Student-friendly definition
diminish p. 75	when something becomes smaller, weaker, or less over time
transmit p. 76	when you pass or send something from one person or place to another
obsolete p. 83	when something is no longer used because it has been replaced by something newer
perceive p. 84	when you notice or become aware of something through your senses or mind
relinquish p. 94	when you give up or let go of something you were holding or keeping
anguish p. 100	when you feel or show deep pain and suffering
assuage p. 109	when you ease or calm a painful or unpleasant feeling
petition p. 110	when you formally ask an authority for something you want changed
ominous p. 112	when something gives you the feeling that something bad is about to happen

Chapters 15 - 19	Student-friendly definition
carnage p. 118	when large numbers are killed in a violent, bloody way
implore p. 118	when you beg for something desperately and with strong feeling
solitude p. 121	when you are alone, often in a peaceful and chosen way
falter p. 125	when you pause, stumble, or lose steadiness in what you were doing
exasperate p. 131	when you feel so annoyed and frustrated that you lose patience
luminous p. 140	when something glows or shines with soft, bright light
inflict p. 141	when you cause someone to suffer something painful or unwanted
receptacle p. 149	when something is used as a container to hold or collect things

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Chapters 20 - 23	Student-friendly definition
empower p. 152	when you are given the power or permission to do something
vigilant p. 169	when you stay alert and watchful for possible danger or trouble
exquisite p. 171	when something is so beautiful or fine it feels almost perfect
relentless p. 172	when something is steady and harsh and never seems to stop or ease
obscure p. 175	when something is hidden or made hard to see