

*Harry Potter and the
Sorcerer's Stone*

VOCABULARY

Chapters 1 - 4	Student-friendly definition
mysterious p.1	when something is hard to understand because so much about it is hidden
peculiar p.2	when something is strange or unusual in a way that is hard to explain
stern p.6	when someone is serious and strict, and does not smile easily
snarl p.23	when you speak in an angry, growling way
gigantic p.25	when something is extremely large
slither p.26	when you slide and twist along the ground the way a snake does
collapse p.29	when something falls down suddenly because it can no longer hold itself up
vanish p.30	when something disappears suddenly and completely
sneer p.35	when you smile or speak in a mean way to show you look down on someone
timid p.43	when you are shy and easily frightened
enormous p.48	when something is very, very big
cower p.49	when you crouch down and shrink back because you are afraid
bewilder p.50	when you are so confused that you don't know what is happening
courage p.56	when you face fear or danger even though it is hard
dread p.58	when you feel great fear about something that might happen

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Chapters 5 - 7	Student-friendly definition
scramble p.62	when you move quickly and with effort, often using your hands to help
gleam p.63	when something shines with a soft, steady light
clamber p.65	when you climb something slowly and clumsily, using your hands and feet
shabby p.68	when something looks old and worn out
greed p.72	when you want far more of something than you need
savage p.78	when something is wild and fierce, and may cause harm
gloom p.82	when a place is dark and only a little light gets through
silvery p.82	when something shines with a pale, shiny gray-white color
desperate p.91	when you feel you will try anything because a situation is so bad
confess p.107	when you admit that you did something wrong or kept a secret
lurk p.109	when you wait quietly and hidden, often to surprise someone
echo p.110	when a sound bounces back and repeats after the first sound
magnificent p.113	when something is grand and beautiful in a way that impresses you
linger p.114	when you stay somewhere longer than needed, in no hurry to leave
cunning p.118	when you are clever at getting what you want, sometimes by tricking others
pompous p.122	when someone acts too proud and full of self-importance

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Chapters 8 - 11	Student-friendly definition
shimmer p.137	when something shines with a soft light that seems to move
simmer p.137	when a liquid cooks gently, just below boiling
frantic p.140	when you act fast and wild because you are very worried or afraid
scowl p.153	when you frown in an angry or unhappy way
sprint p.158	when you run as fast as you can for a short distance
glee p.164	when you feel a bright, excited kind of happiness, sometimes about something unkind
hover p.171	when you stay in one place in the air without moving forward
startle p.172	when something surprises you so suddenly that you jump
glimpse p.172	when you see something for only a very short moment
terror p.172	when you feel extreme fear
emerge p.174	when you come out from a hidden or dark place into view
fumble p.175	when you handle something clumsily and almost drop it
possession p.186	when you have or hold something as your own
murmur p.187	when you say something in a soft, low voice that is hard to hear
streak p.187	when you move very fast in a straight line
jinx p.192	when you bring bad luck to someone on purpose

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Chapters 12 - 14	Student-friendly definition
towering p.196	when something is so tall it rises high above you
feeble p.203	when someone or something is very weak
luminous p.204	when something glows and gives off light
eerie p.205	when something is strange in a way that makes you feel scared
transfix p.210	when you are so amazed or interested that you cannot move
insist p.214	when you say something firmly again and again and will not change your mind
sinister p.217	when something seems evil and makes you feel that harm is near
ancient p.220	when something is extremely old
grim p.221	when something looks serious, harsh, and unpleasant
brood p.224	when you keep thinking about something worrying for a long time
prowl p.225	when you move around quietly, searching or hunting
suspicious p.229	when you feel something is wrong or that someone cannot be trusted
soothe p.238	when you gently calm someone who is upset or in pain
pounce p.238	when you jump on something suddenly to grab it
detention p.240	when you are kept back at school as a punishment

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Chapters 15 - 17	Student-friendly definition
loom p.241	when something large appears close and seems frightening
sob p.246	when you cry loudly while catching your breath
squint p.252	when you partly close your eyes to see something more clearly
stagger p.256	when you walk unsteadily, as if you might fall
exhaust p.261	when you use up all your energy and feel completely tired
tumble p.267	when you fall or roll over suddenly
sprawl p.277	when you spread out your arms and legs in a loose, careless way
struggle p.277	when you try very hard against something difficult
vicious p.279	when someone or something is cruel and wants to cause harm
soar p.280	when you fly or rise high through the air
loathe p.290	when you hate something very strongly
lunge p.294	when you push your body forward suddenly to reach or attack something