

VOCABULARY WORDS
CHAPTERS 1-2 - *The Giver*

Vocabulary Word	Definition
rasping	a harsh, grating sound
aptitude	talent
enhance	improve
nurturing	helping to grow or develop
Disposition	personality
apprehensive	fearful; anxious
distraught	very upset; agitated
palpable	easily perceived; obvious

VOCABULARY WORKSHEET
CHAPTERS 1-2 - *The Giver*

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentences.

Use any clues you can find in the sentences combined with your prior knowledge then write what you think the underlined words mean in the spaces provided.

1. IMMEDIATELY, the **rasping** voice through the speakers had said. _____
2. Now, thinking about the feeling of fear as he pedaled home along the river path, he remembered that moment of **palpable**, stomach-sinking terror when the aircraft had streaked above. _____
3. I guess I just got **distraught** watching them. _____
4. **Apprehensive**, Jonas decided. That's what I am. _____
5. He's a sweet little male with a lovely **disposition**. _____
6. We have him in the extra care section for supplementary **nurturing**, but the committee's beginning to talk about releasing him. _____
7. . . . because it occurred to me that it might **enhance** his nurturing if I could call him by a name. _____
8. Well, it was clear to me—and my parents later confessed that it had been obvious to them, too—what my **aptitude** was. _____

VOCABULARY WORKSHEET
CHAPTERS 1-2 - *The Giver*

Part II Match the vocabulary words with their dictionary definitions

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|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| ___ 1. rasping | A. fearful; anxious |
| ___ 2. palpable | B. easily perceived; obvious |
| ___ 3. distraught | C. a harsh, grating sound |
| ___ 4. apprehensive | D. talent |
| ___ 5. Disposition | E. personality |
| ___ 6. nurturing | F. improve |
| ___ 7. enhance | G. very upset; agitated |
| ___ 8. aptitude | H. helping to grow or develop |

Directions: Fill in the sentence with the most appropriate vocabulary word:

VOCABULARY WORDS
CHAPTERS 3-5 - *The Giver*

Vocabulary Word	Definition
chastisement	punishment
petulantly	in an ill-tempered way
Remorse	regret
Tabulated	recorded and filed
primly	in a precise and proper manner
Murky	dark
vague	unspecified; indefinite

VOCABULARY WORKSHEET

CHAPTERS 3-5 - *The Giver*

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentences.

Use any clues you can find in the sentences combined with your prior knowledge then write what you think the underlined words mean in the spaces provided.

1. Lily, he decided, would have to learn that soon, or she would be called in for **chastisement** because of her insensitive chatter. _____
2. "I think I'd like that," Lily said **petulantly**. _____
3. No one had mentioned it, not even his parents, because the public announcement had been sufficient to produce the appropriate **remorse**. _____
4. All of his volunteer hours would be carefully **tabulated** at the Hall of Open Records.

5. "And of course," she added **primly**, "all lives are meaningful. I don't mean that they aren't." _____
6. The details were **murky** and vague. _____
7. The details were murky and **vague**. _____

VOCABULARY QUIZ
CHAPTERS 3-5 - *The Giver*

Part II: Match the vocabulary words with their dictionary definitions.

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|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ___ 1. chastisement | A. in a precise and proper manner |
| ___ 2. petulantly | B. recorded and filed |
| ___ 3. Remorse | C. regret |
| ___ 4. Tabulated | D. unspecified; indefinite |
| ___ 5. primly | E. punishment |
| ___ 6. Murky | F. dark |
| ___ 7. vague | G. in an ill-tempered way |

Directions: Fill in the sentence with the most appropriate vocabulary word:

VOCABULARY WORDS
CHAPTERS 6-7 - *The Giver*

Vocabulary Words	Definition
designated	indicated; pointed out
throng	crowd
reprieve	pardon
exuberant	high-spirited
cringed	shrank back in fear
transgressions	violations of laws or rules
infringed	intruded
acquisition	purchase
serene	calm
dazed	confused; bewildered

VOCABULARY WORKSHEET

CHAPTERS 6-7 - *The Giver*

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentences.

Use any clues you can find in the sentences combined with your prior knowledge then write what you think the underlined words mean in the spaces provided.

1. The little girl nodded and looked down at herself, at the jacket with its row of large buttons that **designated** her as a Seven. _____

2. Jonas stowed his bicycle beside Mother's and made his way through the **throng** to find his group. _____

3. He had been given an unusual and special **reprieve** from the committee, and granted an additional year of nurturing before his Naming and Placement.

4. The audience applause, which was enthusiastic at each naming, rose in an **exuberant** swell when one parental pair, glowing with pride, took a male newchild and heard him named Caleb. _____

5. He knew that his parents **cringed** a little, as he did, when Fritz, who lived in the dwelling next door to theirs, received his bike and almost immediately bumped the podium with it. _____

6. His **transgressions** were small ones, always: shoes on the wrong feet, schoolwork misplaced, failure to study adequately for a quiz. _____

7. But each such error reflected negatively on his parents' guidance and **infringed** on the Community's sense of order and success. _____

8. The Instructors of Threes were in charge of the **acquisition** of correct language.

9. Even the applause, though enthusiastic, seemed **serene** when Fiona was given the important Assignment of Caretaker of the Old. _____

10. Jonas sat, **dazed**, as they moved into the Thirties and then the Forties nearing the end. _____

Vocabulary Quiz
Chapters 6-7 - *The Giver*

Part II: Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| ___ 1. designated | A. confused; bewildered |
| ___ 2. throng | B. violations of laws or rules |
| ___ 3. relieve | C. pardon |
| ___ 4. exuberant | D. purchase |
| ___ 5. cringed | E. high-spirited |
| ___ 6. transgressions | F. indicated; pointed out |
| ___ 7. infringed | G. calm |
| ___ 8. acquisition | H. shrank back in fear |
| ___ 9. serene | I. intruded |
| ___ 10. dazed | J. crowd |

Directions: Fill in the sentence with the most appropriate vocabulary word:

VOCABULARY WORDS
CHAPTERS 8-10 - *The Giver*

Vocabulary Word	Definition
Crescendo	gradual increase in volume
Benign	harmless
anguish	agonizing physical or mental pain
unanimous	complete agreement
spontaneously	unrehearsed
Exempted	freed from obligation
prohibited	forbidden
conspicuous	noticeable
Diminish	decrease
exhilarating	causing to feel energetic

VOCABULARY WORKSHEET
CHAPTERS 8-10 - *The Giver*

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentences. Use any clues you can find in the sentences combined with your prior knowledge then write what you think the underlined words mean in the spaces provided.

1. They applauded at the final Assignment; but the applause was piecemeal, no longer a **crescendo** of united enthusiasm. _____

2. The Community, relieved from its discomfort by her **benign** statement, seemed to breathe more easily. _____

3. I apologize to you in particular. I caused you **anguish**. _____

4. Therefore the selection must be sound. It must be a **unanimous** choice of the Committee. _____

5. Then she turned and left the stage, left him there alone, standing and facing the crowd, which began **spontaneously** the collective murmur of his name.

6. From this moment you are **exempted** from the rules governing rudeness.

7. From this moment you are **prohibited** from dream-telling. _____

8. But the most **conspicuous** difference was the books. _____

9. The failure of the previous selection was ten years ago, and my energy is starting to **diminish**. _____

10. At first it's **exhilarating**: the sled; the sharp, clear air; but then the snow accumulates, builds up on the runners, and you slow, you have to push hard to keep going, and. . ." _____

Vocabulary Quiz

Chapters 8-10 - *The Giver*

Part II: Match the vocabulary words to their definitions.

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|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| ___ 1. Crescendo | A. decrease |
| ___ 2. Benign | B. agonizing physical or mental pain |
| ___ 3. anguish | C. noticeable |
| ___ 4. unanimous | D. freed from obligation |
| ___ 5. spontaneously | E. causing to feel energetic |
| ___ 6. Exempted | F. unrehearsed |
| ___ 7. prohibited | G. a gradual increase in volume |
| ___ 8. conspicuous | H. complete agreement |
| ___ 9. Diminish | I. harmless |
| ___ 10. exhilarating | J. forbidden |

Directions: Fill in the sentence with the most appropriate vocabulary word:

VOCABULARY WORDS
CHAPTERS 11-13 - *The Giver*

Vocabulary Word	Definition
frigid	very cold
torrent	a heavy downpour
Tentatively	uncertain; hesitant
Obsolete	no longer in use
perceive	to become aware of through the senses
admonition	a reminder of a forgotten task or duty
Capacity	ability to learn
precise	exact
Conclusion	the end or finish
Chaos	confusion

VOCABULARY WORKSHEET
CHAPTERS 11-13 - *The Giver*

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentences. Use any clues you can find in the sentences combined with your prior knowledge then write what you think the underlined words mean in the spaces provided.

1. He was filled with energy, and he breathed again, feeling the sharp intake of **frigid** air. _____
2. He could see a bright, whirling **torrent** of crystals in the air around him, and he could see them gather on the backs of his hands, like cold fur. _____
3. **Tentatively** he opened his eyes—not his snow-hill-sled eyes, for they had been open throughout the strange ride. _____
4. It wasn't a practical thing, so it became **obsolete** when we went to Sameness.

5. You should be able to **perceive** the name without being told. _____
6. He was aware of his own **admonition** not to discuss his training.

7. When I was observing you, before the selection, I perceived that you probably had the **capacity**, and what you describe confirms that. _____
8. it was so—oh, I wish language were more **precise**. _____
9. "You've come quickly to that **conclusion**," he said. _____
10. "It was **chaos**," he said. _____

Vocabulary Quiz
Chapters 11-13 - *The Giver*

Part II: Match the vocabulary words to their definitions.

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| ___ 1. frigid | A. no longer in use |
| ___ 2. torrent | B. to become aware of through the senses |
| ___ 3. Tentatively | C. exact |
| ___ 4. Obsolete | D. the end or finish |
| ___ 5. perceive | E. a heavy downpour |
| ___ 6. admonition | F. ability to learn |
| ___ 7. Capacity | G. uncertain; hesitant |
| ___ 8. precise | H. confusion |
| ___ 9. Conclusion | I. very cold |
| ___ 10. Chaos | J. a reminder of a forgotten task or duty |

Directions: Fill in the sentence with the most appropriate vocabulary word:

VOCABULARY WORDS
CHAPTERS 14-16 - *The Giver*

Vocabulary Word	Definition
invigorating	refreshing; stimulating
assuage	to relieve
excruciating	agonizing
ominous	unfavorable; threatening
placidly	peacefully
contorted	twisted; disfigured
ecstatic	overjoyed
Optimistic	hopeful; expecting the best

VOCABULARY WORKSHEET
CHAPTERS 14-16 - *The Giver*

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentences. Use any clues you can find in the sentences combined with your prior knowledge then write what you think the underlined words mean in the spaces provided.

1. The sled moved forward, and Jonas grinned with delight, looking forward to the breathtaking slide down through the **invigorating** air. _____

2. It was not enough to **assuage** the pain that Jonas was beginning, now, to know.

3. **Excruciating** hunger and starvation. _____

4. Now it was **ominous**. It meant, he knew, that nothing could be changed.

5. Gabriel had been bathed and was lying, for the moment, hugging his hippo **placidly** in the small crib that had replaced the basket. . . . _____

6. The Giver looked up at him, his face **contorted** with suffering.

7. In one **ecstatic** memory he had ridden a gleaming brown horse across a field that smelled of damp grass, and had dismounted beside a small stream from which both he and the horse drank cold, clear water. _____

8. The Nurturers were very **optimistic** about Gabriel's future.

Vocabulary Quiz

Chapters 11-13 - *The Giver*

Part II: Match the vocabulary words to their definitions.

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|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| ___ 1. invigorating | A. hopeful; expecting the best |
| ___ 2. assuage | B. twisted; disfigured |
| ___ 3. excruciating | C. unfavorable; threatening |
| ___ 4. ominous | D. to relieve |
| ___ 5. placidly | E. overjoyed |
| ___ 6. contorted | F. peacefully |
| ___ 7. ecstatic | G. agonizing |
| ___ 8. Optimistic | H. refreshing; stimulating |

Directions: Fill in the sentence with the most appropriate vocabulary word:

VOCABULARY WORDS
CHAPTERS 17-19 - *The Giver*

Vocabulary Word	Definition
permeated	spread or flowed throughout
surged	increased suddenly
dejected	depressed
gravely	requiring serious thought
Wretched	miserable

VOCABULARY WORKSHEET
CHAPTERS 17-19 - *The Giver*

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentences.

Use any clues you can find in the sentences combined with your prior knowledge then write what you think the underlined words mean in the spaces provided.

1. And his new, heightened feelings **permeated** a greater realm than simply his sleep.

2. Feelings **surged** within Jonas. _____

3. "Me," Jonas said in a **dejected** voice. _____

4. The Giver looked at him **gravely**. "You must stay away from the river, my friend," he said. _____

5. "**Wretched** with happiness." _____

VOCABULARY QUIZ
CHAPTERS 17-19 - *The Giver*

Part II: Match the vocabulary words with their definitions.

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|------------------|--------------------------------|
| ___ 1. permeated | A. requiring serious thought |
| ___ 2. surged | B. spread or flowed throughout |
| ___ 3. dejected | C. depressed |
| ___ 4. gravely | D. miserable |
| ___ 5. Wretched | E. increased suddenly |

Directions: Fill in the sentence with the most appropriate vocabulary word:

VOCABULARY WORKSHEET
CHAPTERS 20-23 - *The Giver*

Vocabulary Word	Definition
successor	one who comes next
efficient	done with a minimum of waste
apparent	visible; easily seen
Meticulously	extremely concerned with details
emphatically	expressed forcefully
Fugitives	people running away
vigilant	alert; watchful
subtle	indirect; faint
Exquisite	lovely
Impeded	stopped progress

VOCABULARY WORKSHEET
CHAPTERS 20-23 - *The Giver*

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentences. Use any clues you can find in the sentences combined with your prior knowledge then write what you think the underlined words mean in the spaces provided.

1. It's the same life that you would have, if you had not been chosen as my **successor**.

2. She's very **efficient** at her work, your red-haired friend. _____

3. By midday Jonas's absence would become **apparent**, and would be a cause for serious concern. _____

4. All of it—all the things they had thought through so **meticulously**—fell apart.

5. "Yes, we did," Mother agreed **emphatically**. _____

6. Together the **fugitives** slept through the first dangerous day. _____

7. As he pedaled through the nights, through isolated landscape now, with the communities far behind and no sign of human habitation around him or ahead, he was constantly **vigilant**, looking for the next nearest hiding place should the sound of engines come. _____

8. It was a **subtle** change, hard to identify at first. _____

9. During his twelve years in the Community he had never felt such simple moments of **exquisite** happiness.

10. But the hill was treacherously steep; he was **impeded** by the snow and his own lack of strength. _____

Vocabulary Quiz
Chapters 20-23 - *The Giver*

Part II: Match the vocabulary words to their definitions.

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|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ___ 1. successor | A. visible; easily seen |
| ___ 2. efficient | B. people running away |
| ___ 3. apparent | C. lovely |
| ___ 4. Meticulously | D. one who comes next |
| ___ 5. emphatically | E. extremely concerned with details |
| ___ 6. Fugitives | F. alert; watchful |
| ___ 7. vigilant | G. stopped progress |
| ___ 8. subtle | H. indirect; faint |
| ___ 9. Exquisite | I. expressed forcefully |
| ___ 10. Impeded | J. done with a minimum of waste |

