

The City School

Class 8 The Hobbit Vocabulary List



First Term

Chapter 1

An Unexpected Party

Words	Meanings
Porthole	a small window on the outside of a ship or aircraft.
Absurd	ridiculous,
Discreetly	Showing good judgement in one's conduct or speech.
Scuttling	hastening
Depredations	an act of attacking or plundering.
Throng	crowd
Flummoxed	bewildered or perplexed.
Audacious	extremely bold or daring; recklessly brave
Ingenious	creative
Estimable	worthy of great respect.
Runes	ancient Germanic alphabets
Obstinately	firmly or stubbornly holding on to one's purpose, opinion, etc.;
Prudent	wise
Remuneration	Payment
Reverence	appreciation
Flustered	upset
Stowed	pack or store (an object) carefully and neatly in a particular place.
Abreast	alongside or level with something
Necromancer	a person who practices necromancy ; a wizard or magician

Chapter 2

Roast Mutton

Words	Meanings
Dismal	dull
Outlandish	looking or sounding bizarre or unfamiliar.
Esteemed	respected and admired.
Repose	a state of rest, sleep, or tranquility.
Paraphernalia	objects that are used to do a particular activity

Ambling	walk or move at a slow, relaxed pace.
Dreary	dull and uninteresting
Purloin	steal (something).
Lout	an uncouth and aggressive man or boy
Bickering	argue about petty and trivial matters.
Incantations	a series of words said as a magic spell or charm.
Scabbards	a sheath for the blade of a sword or dagger,
Replenish	restore (a stock or supply) to a former level or condition.

Chapter 3

A Short Rest

Words	Meanings
Forded	cross (a river or stream) at a shallow place.
Wondrous	marvelous.
Parapet	a low protective wall along the edge of a roof, bridge, or balcony.
Ponder	think about (something) carefully, especially before making a decision
Plunder	steal goods from (a place or person), typically using force and in a time of war or civil disorder.
Vexed	annoyed, frustrated, or worried.
Drear	depressingly dull and bleak or repetitive.
Glade	an open space in a wood or forest.
Bannock	a round, flat loaf, typically unleavened, associated with Scotland and northern England.
Palpitating	(of the heart) beat rapidly, strongly, or irregularly.
Cleave	split or sever (something), especially along a natural line or grain.

Chapter 4

Over Hill And Under Hill

Words	Meanings
Dumbfounded	surprised
Scurrying	(of a person or small animal) move hurriedly with short quick steps.
Hustling	push roughly
Deception	the action of deceiving someone.
Shirk	avoid or neglect (a duty or responsibility).
Quaff	drink (something, especially an alcoholic drink) heartily.
Ingenious	(of a machine or idea) cleverly and originally devised and well suited to its purpose.
Inconveniencing	cause trouble or difficulty to.
Gnash	grind (one's teeth) together as a sign of anger (often used hyperbolically).

Chapter 5**Riddles In The Dark**

Words	Meanings
Scrumptiously	deliciously
Spluttered	make a series of short explosive spitting or choking sounds.
Brooded	think deeply about something that makes one unhappy, angry, or worried.
Groping	searching blindly or with uncertainty by feeling with the hands.
Snag	hurdle
Subterranean	existing, occurring, or done under the earth's surface.
Unbeknown	without the knowledge of (someone).
Flummoxed	bewildered or perplexed.
Chestnut	a glossy hard brown edible nut which develops within a bristly case and which may be roasted and eaten.

Chapter 6**Out Of The Frying-Pan Into The Fire**

Words	Meanings
Ridges	a long, narrow hilltop, mountain range, or watershed.
Peering	appearing
Benighted	overtaken by darkness or night.
Infested	(of insects or animals) be present (in a place or site) in large numbers, typically so as to cause damage or disease.
Clambered	climb or move in an awkward and laborious way, typically using both hands and feet.
Glade	an open space in a wood or forest.
Uncanny	strange
Afoot	in preparation or progress; happening or beginning to happen.
Precipice	a very steep rock face or cliff, especially a tall one.
Boughs	branches
Sorrel	a European plant of the dock family, with arrow-shaped leaves that are used in salads and cookery for their acidic flavour.
Marjoram	an aromatic southern European plant of the mint family, the leaves of which are used as a culinary herb.
Bracken	a tall fern with coarse lobed fronds, which occurs worldwide and can cover large areas.
Larch	a coniferous tree with bunches of deciduous bright green needles, found in cool regions of the northern hemisphere. It is grown for its tough timber and its resin (which yields turpentine).

Chapter 7 Queer Lodgings

Word	Meaning
Pinnacles	the most successful highest points
Droning	making a continuous low humming sound.
Unimpeachable	not able to be doubted, questioned, or criticized
Westering	(especially of the sun) nearing the west.
Trestles	a framework consisting of a horizontal beam supported by two pairs of sloping legs, used in pairs to support a flat surface such as a table top.
Scuffling	engaging in a short, confused fight or struggle at close quarters.
Wearisome	causing tiredness; fatigue:
Appalling	horrifying; shocking.
Dale	a valley, especially in northern England.
Mead	an alcoholic drink of fermented honey and water.
Withered	fall into decay or decline.
Stark	severe or bare in appearance or outline.
Hart	an adult male deer, especially a red deer over five years old.
Tippet	a woman's long fur scarf or shawl worn around the neck and shoulders.

Chapter 8 Flies And Spiders

Word	Meaning
Parch	to make dry, hot, or thirsty:
Twined	to form by twisting, intertwining, or interlacing:
Stealthily	secretly and quietly to avoid being noticed
Scuttled	run hurriedly or furtively with short quick steps.

Chapter 9 Barrels Out Of Bond

Word	Meaning
Realm	A Kingdom
Clamour	a loud and confused noise, especially that of people shouting.
Lurking	Being or remaining hidden so as to wait in ambush for someone or something.
Tramping	Walking heavily or noisily.
Nimble	quick and light in movement or action; agile.
Muddled	confused.

Eddying	(of water, air, or smoke) move in a circular way.
Portcullis	a strong, heavy grating that can be lowered down grooves on each side of a gateway to block it.
Flagon	a large container in which drink is served, typically with a handle and spout.
Potent	having great power, influence, or effect.
Vintage	denoting something from the past of high quality, especially something representing the best of its kind.

Chapter 10 A Warm Welcome

Draggled	hung untidily.
Solemnities	states or qualities of being serious and dignified.
Ominous	giving the worrying impression that something bad is going to happen; threateningly inauspicious.
Promontory	a point of high land that juts out into the sea or a large lake; a headland.
Vagabond	a person who wanders from place to place without a home or job.
Muttering	a privately expressed complaint or expression of dissatisfaction.
Enmity	a state or feeling of active opposition or hostility.
Circuitous	(of a route or journey) longer than the most direct way.

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2nd Term

Chapter 11

On the Doorstep

Word	Meaning
Alluding	Suggesting or calling attention to indirectly; hint at.
Ominous	threatening
Receded	went or moved back or further away from a previous position.
Promontory	a point of high land that juts out into the sea or a large lake; a headland.
Moored	make fast (a boat) by attaching it by cable or rope to the shore or to an anchor

Disembark	leave a ship, aircraft, or train.
Desolation	a state of complete emptiness or destruction.
Spurs	a high piece of land that sticks out from a mountain or a group of mountains
Crevice	narrow opening or fissure, especially in a rock or wall.
Lintel	a horizontal support of timber, stone, concrete, or steel across the top of a door or window.
Implored	begged someone earnestly or desperately to do something.
Roving	roaming or wandering
Beady	(of a person's eyes) small, round, and gleaming.

Chapter 12

Inside Information

Word	Meaning
Thrumming	making a continuous rhythmic humming sound.

Splendour	magnificent and splendid appearance
Dire	extremely serious or urgent.
Toiled	worked extremely hard or incessantly.
Creditable	able to be believed; convincing.
Infuriate	able to be believed; convincing.
Skulking	keep out of sight, typically with a sinister or cowardly motive.
Grievous	(of something bad) very severe or serious.
Cartage	the conveyance of something in a cart or other vehicle.
Unassessable	Uncountable
Antiquated	old-fashioned or outdated.
Spouted	to emit or discharge forcibly (a liquid, granulated substance, fire etc.) in a stream or jet
Stumbled	trip or momentarily lose one's balance; almost fall
Dubious	hesitating or doubting
Stratagems	a plan or scheme
Battering-rams	a heavy object swung or rammed against a door to break it down.
Smoldering	burn slowly with smoke but no flame.
Stealth	(of something bad) very severe or serious.

Chapter 13

Not At Home

Word	Meaning
Pallid	pale
Splintered	broke into small sharp fragments.
Fleeting	lasting for a very short time.
Helms	Armour
Perpetually	continuing without interruption
Dominion	sovereignty or control.

Chapter 14

Fire And Water

Word	Meaning
Forging	make or shape (a metal object) by heating it in a fire or furnace and hammering it.
Kindle	set (something) on fire
Marvel	something that causes wonder, admiration, or astonishment;
Smote	To strike or hit hard
Recompense	make amends to (someone) for loss or harm suffered;
Contrived	deliberately created rather than arising naturally or spontaneously.
Perished	died
Desolate	(of a place) uninhabited and giving an impression of bleak emptiness.

Chapter 15**The Gathering Of The Clouds**

Word	Meaning
Decrepit	worn out or ruined because of age or neglect.
Alighted	(of a bird) descended from the air and settled
Carrion	the decaying flesh of dead animals
Remnant	remainder
Dwelt	lived in or at a specified place
Fortifying	providing (a place) with defensive works as protection against attack.
Mirth	amusement, especially as expressed in laughter.
Reckoning	the action or process of calculating or estimating something.
Kindred	one's family and relations.
Succoured	Assisted or aided

Chapter 16**A Thief In The Night**

Word	Meaning
Comely	attractive
Clambered	climbed or moved in an awkward and laborious way, typically using both hands and feet.
Oddments	scraps and leftover pieces
Bade	past of bid
Wearily	feeling or showing extreme tiredness, especially as a result of excessive exertion.
Piling	place (things) one on top of the other

Chapter 17**The Clouds Burst**

Word	Meaning
Astir	in a state of excited movement.
Tarry	to remain or stay
Besiege	to surround with hostile forces
Strongholds	a place that has been fortified so as to protect it against attack.
Vanguard	a group of people leading the way in new developments or ideas.
Feint	a deceptive or pretended blow, thrust, or other movement,

Onslaught	attack
Wielding	waving or twirling
Precipice	a very steep rock face or cliff, especially a tall one.
Scimitars	a short sword with a curved blade that broadens towards the point, used originally in Eastern countries.
Flanks	the side of a person's or animal's body between the ribs and the hip.
Hauberk	a piece of armour originally covering only the neck and shoulders but later consisting of a full-length coat of mail or military tunic.
Mattocks	an agricultural tool shaped like a pickaxe, with an adze and a chisel edge as the ends of the head

Chapter 18 The Return Journey

Word	Meaning
Notched	marked
Dismay	concern and distress caused by something unexpected.
Bidding	the ordering or requesting of someone to do something.
Outstretched	went beyond the limit of
Mustering	collect or assemble (a number or amount)

Chapter 19 The Last Stage

Word	Meaning
Commotion	disturbance
Contented	happy and satisfied
Commence	begin
Extravagant	lacking restraint in spending money or using resources.