

## Vocabulary - *The Great Gatsby*

### Chapter 1

1. Privy – informed about something not generally known
2. Scorn – treat with a strong lack of respect
3. Abort- terminate or stop before completion
4. Prominent- well known
5. Feigned – pretended
6. Solemn- serious
7. Domesticated -tamed; civilized
8. Superficial- shallow unsophisticated
9. Proximity -closeness
10. Wistful -full of longing
11. Turbulent -disorderly greatly disturbed
12. Elaborate -add details
13. Supercilious -showing arrogant disdain
14. Fractious -easily irritated
15. Conscientious -careful
16. Desolate -empty lonely
17. Incredulous -disbelieving
18. Unobtrusive -not attracting much attention
19. Complacent -overly unconcerned or satisfied
20. Wan – an unnatural or sickly complexion; lacking colour
21. Devoid -completely without or lacking
22. Tangible –physically touchable; easily understood
23. Cynical- believing the worst
24. Corroborate -support an opinion, theory or story
25. Libel -a false publication
26. Intimation – hint
27. Waver -more back and forth; be uncertain
28. Languid - lacking energy; moving slowly

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### Chapter 2

1. Grotesque -ugly distorted
2. Contiguous – adjoining; connecting without a break
3. Transcendent -beyond the ordinary
4. Obscure -not known to many
5. Anemic -lacking vitality; weak
6. Jovial -cheerful friendly
7. Sensuous -physically gratifying
8. Perceptible -noticeable
9. Defer -postpone; submit or yield
10. Earnest -excessively serious
11. Indeterminate -uncertain; unclear
12. Pastoral -charmingly simple and serene
13. Regal -very refined; magnificent
14. Haughty -arrogant; self-important
15. Apathy -lack of interest or enthusiasm
16. Distort -to alter
17. Incessant -continuous
18. Strident – having a shrill, irritating quality (like a voice)
19. Proprietary -something that is owned
20. Disdain -dislike
21. Imply -suggest indirectly
22. Simultaneous -at the same time
23. Oculist – a doctor of optometry

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### Chapter 3

1. Garnish --to decorate or adorn
2. Prodigality – extravagance
3. Gaudy -tastelessly showy
4. Permeate -spread or diffuse through
5. Vehemently – forcefully
6. Innuendo -indirect or suggestive comment
7. Credulous- too willing to believe
8. Homogeneous- consisting of similar elements
9. Condescending- treating others as inferiors
10. Melancholy- feeling of sadness
11. Impetuous -acting without much thought
12. Ascertain -determine with certainty
13. Notorious -well known for something bad
14. Provocation -cause of anger or violence
15. Corpulent- excessively fat
16. Vacuous – lacking in ideas or intelligence
17. Urbane -socially experienced; sophisticated
18. Inept – not skilled
19. Dissent – disagreement
20. Indifferent – lacking interest;  
unsympathetic
21. Deplore – strongly regret or disapprove of
22. Indignant – annoyed
23. Malevolent – violent; harmful intent
24. Enjoin – command someone to do  
something
25. Discord – conflict, lack of harmony
26. Apparition – ghostly figure or appearance
27. Crescendo – point of maximum intensity
28. Affectation – artificial behavior
29. Endow – give something of value
30. Metropolitan – characteristic of a large city
31. Shrewd – smart
32. Diverge – move apart
33. Insolent – rudely disrespectful

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### Chapter 4

1. Stonewall – to obstruct or hinder progress or discussion
2. Punctilious - precise; formal; meticulous
3. Inevitable – certain to happen
4. Disconcerting – confusing or worrying
5. Knickerbocker – a New Yorker; also, a style of clothing
6. Evoke – to call forth or cause
7. Elicit – provoke a response
8. Valor – exceptional courage
9. Anteroom – a waiting room
10. Luxuriant – flourishing, growing greatly
11. Juxtaposition – sharp contrast
12. Gratification – deep satisfaction
13. Debut – first presentation or appearance
14. Armistice – agreement to stop fighting
15. Presumption – something thought of as true without proof
16. Presumptuous – exercising social privileges one is not entitled to
17. Pomp – ceremonial elegance; splendor
18. Denizen – an inhabitant; a resident
19. Jaunty – easy and sprightly in manner or bearing
20. Coincidence – occurring or operating at the same time or place
21. Façade – false facing or visible appearance
22. Cornice – decorative border along the top of a wall

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### Chapter 5

1. Peninsula – landmass projecting into a body of water
2. Rout – an overwhelming defeat
3. Obligated – indebted or grateful; required to do something
4. Scrutiny – careful examination
5. Obstinate – stubborn
6. Vestige – a trace of something remaining
7. Recur – happen repeatedly
8. Disheveled – messy; in disarray
9. Disarray – a state of disorder or confusion
10. Monogram – a design based on a person's initials
11. Scanty – small in amount; barely adequate
12. Suppress – try to keep under control; keep things quiet
13. Exultation – triumphant celebration
14. Reproach – blame
15. Bewilder – confuse
16. Tactless – undiplomatic; insensitive
17. Innumerable – countless
18. Lavender – light shade of purple
19. Exhilarating – thrilling
20. Defunct – outdated; out of business
21. Pompadour – poofy hairstyle
22. Corrugated – rippled
23. Nebulous – hazy; vague; indistinct
24. Colossal – immense
25. Fluctuating – changing

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### Chapter 6

1. Laudable – worthy of high praise
2. Insidious – hidden or unpredictable risk
3. Platonic – spiritual love; perfection
4. Turbulent – agitated; disturbing; upset
5. Vulgarly – bad taste; rude
6. Oblivious – unaware of
7. Reverie – daydream state
8. Turgid – pompous; swollen
9. Despise – strongly dislike
10. Robust – strong
11. Hospitable – welcoming
12. Contingency – something that might happen
13. Antecedent – an earlier occurrence
14. Ingratiate – gain favor through deliberate effect
15. Senile – having lost most, if not all, memory
16. Profuse – abundant
17. Invariably – consistently
18. Genial – friendly and good natured
19. Sepsis – poisoning by micro organic toxins
20. Appalling – causing strong feelings of disapproval
21. Beget – cause something
22. Euphemism – inoffensive expression
23. Saunter – leisurely stroll
24. Menagerie – collection of animals
25. Dilatory – inclined to waste time; lag behind
26. Obliterate – destroy; do away with completely
27. Elusive – difficult to get hold of
28. Affirm – declare that something is true or valid

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### Chapter 7

1. Combustion – the act of burning
2. Indicator – sign; show; demonstration
3. Affront – open insult
4. Abyss - bottomless pit
5. Insistent – maintaining a view or demand
6. Boisterous – excessively noisy or unrestrained
7. Relentless – continue without stopping
8. Inviolable – sacred; intact
9. Portentous – indicative of the future
10. Revere – regard with feelings of deep respect
11. Vicarious – experienced secondhand
12. Sage – wise
13. Octave – interval of tones
14. Rancor – deep and bitter anger
15. Slander – damaging words
16. Magnanimous – kind and generous in spirit
17. Inquest – formal inquiry or investigation
18. Dilatory – causing delay
19. Presumptuous – overly bold and failing to observe the limits of what is permitted or appropriate
20. Caravansary – a large inn or hotel
21. Rickey – lime and gin drink
22. Row – noisy quarrel or disturbance
23. Appended – added to
24. Paternal – fatherly
25. Precipitately – suddenly; very hurried
26. Prig – someone who thinks he/she is better than all others

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### Chapter 8

1. Dejected – sad; disappointed
2. Malicious – evil; intending to do harm
3. Acknowledge – express recognition; admit something
4. Discern – notice or understand something vague or obscure
5. Redolent – bringing to mind; reminder of something else
6. Scrupulous – with great care and attention to detail
7. Pretense – false impression
8. Strata – layers or levels
9. Whim – sudden, illogical desire
10. Tranquil – calm and undisturbed
11. Exasperated – greatly annoyed or frustrated
12. Pneumatic – using air
13. Fortuitous – occurring by favorable chance
14. Amorphous – lacking clearly defined boundaries
15. Wanly – faintly; weakly
16. Pavilion – shelter; large tent
17. Humidor – box for keeping tobacco moist
18. Ravenously – hungrily; greedily
19. Unscrupulously – carelessly; without moral consideration
20. Facilities – capabilities
21. Grail – obsessive quest
22. Settee – small couch
23. Chiffon – delicate fabric made silk and rayon
24. Benediction – blessing; mercy
25. Cahoots – in partnership for bad ends
26. Garrulous – outspoken
27. Forlorn – hopeless; alone; neglected
28. Protégé – person under the protection or guidance of another

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### Chapter 9

1. Superfluous – more than is necessary or required
2. Solidarity – having shared purpose or sympathies
3. Postpone – put off until another time
4. Sparse – few in number; spread out
5. Partition – a division; something that creates a division
6. Inquisition – harsh or serious questioning
7. Convention – regarded as normal or typical
8. Obliging – willing to do favors for others
9. Transitory – lasting a short time
10. Aesthetic – related to beauty or good taste
11. Recede – diminish or move away from
12. Adventitious – accidental or unexpected
13. Pasquinade – public ridicule
14. Addenda – additional elements
15. Solemn – serious
16. Indifferent – unconcerned
17. Unpunctual – late; ill timed
18. Reverent – showing deep respect
19. Bulbous – rounded or swollen
20. Sentimental – extremely emotional; having strong feelings
21. Resolve – determination; purpose
22. Involuntarily – against one's will
23. Procession – orderly; formally arranged group
24. Vestibule – small entranceway
25. Subtly – slyly; almost undetectable
26. Jauntily – confidently; stylishly
27. Pander – cater to; act as a go-between
28. Commensurate – meeting a common standard
29. Provincial – limited in perspective
30. Orgiastic – pleasurable