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In the Beginning	Student-friendly definition
Settle (p. 2)	to go to a place where no people have lived permanently before and start to live there
Bundle (p. 2)	something wrapped up
Babble (p. 2)	to speak quickly in a way that is difficult to understand or sounds silly
Blustery (p. 2)	very windy
Rickety (p. 2)	in very bad condition and likely to break easily
Skittish (p. 2)	gets excited or frightened very easily
Rear (p. 2)	to rise up on back legs (usually an animal)
Lurch (p. 3)	to walk or move suddenly in an uncontrolled or unsteady way
Clutch (p. 3)	to hold tightly
Frantic (p. 3)	extremely worried and frightened about a situation
Plunge (p. 3)	to move, fall, or be thrown suddenly forwards or downwards
Rein (p. 4)	a long narrow band of leather that is fastened around a horse's head in order to control it
Pry (p. 4)	to force something open or away from something else
Orphanage (p. 4)	a large house where children who do not have anyone to take care of them live and are taken care of

Chapter 1	Student-friendly definition
Petticoat (p. 5)	piece of women's underwear like a thin skirt or dress that is worn under a skirt or dress
Dangle (p. 5)	to hang or swing loosely
Frock (p. 5)	a dress
Misfortune (p. 6)	very bad luck, or something that happens as a result of bad luck
Pasture (p. 6)	land or a field that is covered with grass and is used for cattle, sheep, etc. to feed on
Stable (p. 6)	a building where horses are kept
Tend (p. 7)	to look after someone or something
Scowl (p. 9)	to look at someone in an angry way
Persistent (p. 13)	continuing to do something, although this is difficult
Homely (p. 13)	not very attractive
Pester (p. 14)	to annoy someone

Chapter 2	Student-friendly definition
Prospective (p. 18)	expected or expecting to be something particular in the future
Consider (p. 18)	to think about something carefully, especially before making a decision
Peer (p. 20)	to look very carefully at something
Anxious (p. 21)	worried about something
Hesitate (p. 22)	to pause before saying or doing something because you are nervous or not sure
Corral (p. 22)	a fairly small enclosed area where cattle, horses, etc. can be kept temporarily
Clench (p. 24)	to hold something tightly
Shame (p. 24)	to feel guilty and embarrassed after doing something wrong
Mourning (p. 24)	great sadness because someone has died
Stroke (p. 24)	a gentle movement of a hand over something
Verge (p. 25)	the edge
Reputation (p. 26)	the opinion that people have about someone or something because of what has happened in the past
Reassure (p. 29)	to make someone feel calmer and less worried or frightened about a problem or situation
Ruffle (p. 29)	to make uneven
Well (p. 29)	to increase

Chapters 3-4	Student-friendly definition
Nag (p. 35)	to keep asking someone to do something
Stage(coach) (p. 35)	a vehicle pulled by horses that was used for carrying passengers and letters
Shears (p. 40)	a heavy tool for cutting, like a big pair of scissors
Kerchief (p. 41)	a square piece of cloth, worn on the head or around the neck
Lush (p. 47)	very beautiful, comfortable, and expensive
Droning (p. 47)	to make a continuous low, dull sound
Satchel (p. 49)	a leather bag carried on the shoulder
Livery (p. 49)	the business of keeping and taking care of horses
Cart (p. 50)	to carry something somewhere
Haul (p. 50)	to pull something heavy with a continuous, steady movement
Loft (p. 51)	a raised area in a barn used for storing hay or other crops
Fitful (p. 53)	not regular; starting and stopping often

Chapter 5	Student-friendly definition
Scrawny (p. 54)	very thin and weak
Pitiful (p. 55)	sad and unfortunate
Tolerate (p. 56)	to allow people to do, say, or believe something without criticizing or punishing them
Reliable (p. 56)	trustworthy, dependable
Mend (p. 56)	to repair or fix
Coax (p. 57)	to persuade someone to do something that they do not want to do by talking to them in a kind, gentle, and patient way
Steady (p. 62)	firmly held in a particular position and not moving or shaking
Exhilaration (p. 64)	feeling of being happy, excited, and full of energy

In the Middle	Student-friendly definition
Precarious (p. 68)	likely to fall, or likely to cause someone to fall
Considerate (p. 68)	always thinking of what other people need or want and being careful not to upset them
Overtaken (p. 68)	to be turned upside down or fall on one side
Masquerade (p. 68)	to pretend to be something or someone different
Snug (p. 68)	fit closely
Raspy (p. 69)	hoarse or harsh-sounding
Arouse (p. 69)	awaken a feeling, emotion, or response
Recognition (p. 69)	the act of knowing someone or something because you have known or learned about them in the past

Chapter 6	Student-friendly definition
Teem (p. 70)	to be full of
Parcel (p. 70)	package (usually sent by mail)
Partial (p. 70)	unfairly supporting one person or one group
Manifest (p. 70)	a list of passengers or goods carried on a ship, plane, train, etc.
Peculiar (p. 71)	strange, unfamiliar, or a little surprising
Jittery (p. 72)	anxious or nervous
Dab (p. 72)	to touch something lightly several times, usually with something such as a cloth
Circumstances (p. 72)	the conditions that affect a situation, action, event, etc.
Persuade (p. 73)	to make someone decide to do something
Reputable (p. 73)	respected for being honest or for doing good work
Pleasurable (p. 73)	enjoyable
Maneuver (p. 74)	to move or turn skillfully; to move or turn something skillfully
Holler (p. 75)	to shout loudly
Reluctantly (p. 76)	slow and unwilling
Retrieve (p. 78)	to find something and bring it back

Chapter 7	Student-friendly definition
Untamed (p. 80)	untrained, wild
Appealing (p. 82)	attractive or interesting
Confront (p. 83)	to deal with something very difficult or unpleasant in a brave and determined way
Temporary (p.85)	for a limited period of time
Disembark (p. 86)	to get off a ship or aircraft
Jostle (p. 87)	to push or knock against someone in a crowd
Jeer (p. 87)	to shout unkind things at someone in a disrespectful way
Upcoming (p. 89)	happening soon
Mockery (p. 89)	when someone laughs at someone or something or shows that they think the person or thing is stupid
Convention (p. 89)	a large formal meeting for people who have the same interests
Ramshackle (p. 91)	in bad condition and in need of repair

Chapters 8-9	Student-friendly definition
Feral (p. 93)	wild, untamed (usually talking about animals)
Shod (p. 93)	to put shoes on a horse
Reel (p. 93)	to step backwards suddenly and almost fall over
Retch (p. 93)	to throw up
Flinch (p. 95)	to move your face or body away from someone or something because of pain or fear
Portly (p. 105)	fat and round
Instinct (p. 106)	a natural tendency to behave in a particular way or a natural ability to know something, which is not learned
Commotion (p. 108)	sudden, noisy activity
Rancid (p. 110)	smells or tastes unpleasant because it is no longer fresh
Managing (p. 111)	to direct or control a business or department
Survey (p. 112)	to examine and measure an area of land
Substantial (p. 112)	large in amount or number
Inquire (p. 112)	to ask someone for information
Waning (p. 115)	becoming gradually less strong or less important
Lanky (p. 116)	tall and thin

Chapter 10 and End	Student-friendly definition
Citizen (p. 123)	someone who legally belongs to a particular country and has rights and responsibilities there
Opinion (p. 127)	a person's ideas or beliefs about a particular topic
Registrar (p. 128)	someone who is in charge of official records
Ballot (p. 128)	a piece of paper on which you make a secret vote
Expectant (p. 132)	hopeful that something good or exciting will happen