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Chapters 1-8	Student-friendly definition
absorb	to take in or swallow
cautious	using care to avoid trouble
chaos	confusion and disorder
emerge	to come out into view
engulf	to surround
horizon	the line where the earth or sea meets the sky
identify	to find out
instinct	a gut feeling; a natural desire
linger	to continue to exist
lush	covered with a thick growth of healthy plants
methodical	done in a planned way using care
restrain	to keep from doing something
scuttle	to run fast out of view
skitter	to glide lightly
underbrush	small trees growing near large trees

Chapters 9-15	Student-friendly definition
activate	to start working
artificial	made by humans
conserve	to save
debris	junk; small pieces from something broken
dense	thick
frantic	feeling worried and fearful
illuminate	to light up
lumber	to move in a slow way
lurk	to be in a hidden place
outcrop	the part of a rock formation at the surface of the ground
perch	to sit on a raised position
plunge	to drop suddenly down
recede	to become smaller and weaker
refuge	shelter or protection from danger
submerge	to put completely under water
teem	to be full of something
unison	together; at the same time
whisk	to move away suddenly

Chapters 16-25	Student-friendly definition
agony	great emotional or physical pain
beckon	to appear attractive
camouflage	to hide by covering or making harder to see
intricate	having many details
nestle	to lie close and snuggle
observe	to watch carefully
peculiar	different from normal; odd
prowl	moving while searching for something
pulverize	to beat or grind into powder or dust
resin	a yellowish or brownish substance from the gum or sap of some trees (as the pine) and used in medicine
rigorous	carefully, with a lot of detail
scud	to move quickly
sensitive	able to sense very small changes in something
truce	stopping of fighting
unique	special

Chapters 26-37	Student-friendly definition
astonished	feeling or showing great surprise or wonder
burrow	to dig a hole to hide in
constant	unchanged
defend	to protect
demeanor	behavior
escort	to protect someone or show courtesy
fertilize	to make soil or land richer and better to support plant growth
gruff	rough in speech or manner
ignite	to light on fire
incident	something that may happen as a part of a larger event
insist	to demand
lurch	to move with a sudden motion
meander	to walk slowly without purpose
mimic	to copy
pounce	to jump towards with claws
strategy	a carefully developed plan with a goal for the end
tranquil	free from stress; peaceful
triumphant	celebrating a success

Chapters 38-53	Student-friendly definition
abandon	to leave alone
consult	to seek the advice of
dreary	dull, depressing
fanatic	a very enthusiastic supporter
gaggle	a group of animals
hibernate	to spend the winter sleeping or resting
hoist	to lift up
inhabit	to live in
loom	to come into sight suddenly, often with a strange look
migratory	moving from one place to another
negotiate	to be successful in getting around
nuzzle	to push or rub with the nose
nimble	quick and light in motion
procession	a group or line of people or vehicles that move together slowly as a part of a ceremony
stupor	not able to think normally
sweltering	very hot
veer	to change direction
wilt	to lose strength

Chapters 54-68	Student-friendly definition
debt	something owed to someone else
dwindle	to make smaller
eerie	strange
forge	to bring into existence
frigid	very cold
generation	a group of people born during the same time
harmonious	not experiencing fighting or disagreements
hesitate	pause before doing something
keen	full of enthusiasm
lattice	a frame made of crossed wood or metal strips
mingle	to move around and talk to people
nourish	to cause to grow or live in a healthy state by giving it food and water
nuisance	an annoying person or situation
pity	a feeling of sadness for others
remedy	to provide a cure
scavenge	to collect things to use
thaw	to stop being frozen
trudge	to walk or march with effort

Chapters 69-80	Student-friendly definition
billow	to move as a large cloud
bombard	to hit or attack again and again
clamber	to climb in an awkward way
coordinate	to work together smoothly
din	loud confused noise
foliage	the leaves of a plant or of many plants
glitch	a major problem with a machine (e.g., computer)
indefinite	not sure in amount or length
intrude	to come or go without an invitation
malfunction	to fail to work
mangled	severely injured or damaged
refurbish	to repair or make better
resistance	to go against
roil	to move in a violent and confused way
squelch	to splash through water or slush
stark	clear and harsh
taut	tense