

## **Bank of High Level Vocabulary**

- **Do you know what these words mean?**
- **Can you find out?**
- **Can you use them in a conversation?**
- **Do any of them 'speak' to you and beg you to illustrate them?**

**Colours:** saffron, indigo, scarlet, azure, emerald, hazel, turquoise, jaundiced, pea green, cyan, magenta, burgundy, cherry, ruby, sapphire, crimson, bloodshot, vermilion, maroon, auburn, chestnut, cobalt, aquamarine, navy, khaki, camouflage, vanilla, , pearly white, antique white, violet, beech, cadet blue, firebrick, tomato, coral, orchid, honeydew, ivory, lemon, peach, plum, gold, lavender, beige, fuchsia.

**Dramatic Verbs:** snared, disturbed, smashed, blazed, swayed, tormented, straggling, lacerating, plunged, clashed, crackled, penetrated, blistering, jolted, splitting, darted, collapsed, trembled, engulfed, scurried, flickered, twitched, shattered, obliterated, throbbing, shuddered, exploded, oozed, quivered, gushed, raged, toiled, twisting, , writhed, swelled, crept, flapped, collided, pummelled, punctured, dissolved, clenched.

**Emotions:** apprehension, solemnity, melancholy, underlying guilt, nausea, ennui, jealous, depressed, heartbroken, crestfallen, despondent, anxiety, vexed, morose, confused, hostile, ecstatic, elated, hatred, shame, contempt, pity, envy, benevolence, boredom, restlessness, bewilderment, awe, humiliation, suspicious, impatient, panic-stricken, disbelief, exasperation, resentment, defiance, curiosity, expectation, remorse, exhilaration.

**Adjectives:** rigorous, merciless, relentless, arduous, rigid, vile, deformed, jagged, serrated, furtive, repulsive, monstrous, intolerable, distinct, prodigious, perilous, ghastly, vast, transparent, ruinous, obscure.

**Words to create an interesting character:** mute, hesitant, aloof, prodigious, insolent, dispassionate, timid, bashful, surreptitious, indifferent, detached, unapproachable, intriguing, negligent, irresponsible, isolated, irritable, impudent, compelling, edgy, cantankerous, evasive, deceitful, fiery, impulsive, fervent, introverted, eccentric, callous, amoral, immoral, fickle, sentimental, compassionate, eager, inquisitive, indecisive, naïve, infatuated, affectionate, threatening, vicious, unpredictable, cynical, pessimistic, impertinent.

**Adjectives for describing food:** bittersweet, acidic, peppery, spicy, tangy, sweet, flavoursome, fruity, bitter, sour, salty, sapid, citrus, appetising, sharp, sugary, insipid, bland, stale, watery, succulent, unpalatable, savoury, lukewarm, tingle, aftertaste.

**Sound Nouns:** \_click, whisper, hush, silence, tiptoe, creak, tap, thud, knock, din, tone, resonance, vibration, ring, toll, chime, echo, scream, thump, yell, bawl, screech, wail, yelp, roar, shriek, bang, shout, uproar, babble, clunk, tick, inaudible, rattle, plod, hum, whirr, rev, crunch, beep, rumble, squeak, clatter, snore, bleep, yawn, snorted.