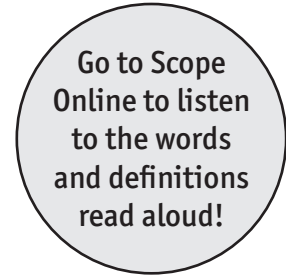


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1. **abomination (uh-bom-uh-NEY-shuhn)** *noun*; An abomination is something that causes feelings of hatred and disgust—something completely unacceptable. To someone who loves the Earth, the sight of a factory pumping black smoke into the blue sky might be an abomination.

2. **benevolent (buh-NEV-uh-luhnt)** *adjective*; Someone who is benevolent is kind and generous. He or she means well and wants to do good things for others.

3. **entrepreneur (ahn-truh-puh-NOOR)** *noun*; An entrepreneur is a person who starts a business, manages it, and takes risks hoping to make money from the business. But calling someone an entrepreneur doesn't just mean he or she is a business owner; it also implies that he or she is innovative, passionate, and good at taking on difficult or complicated projects.

4. **ghastly (GAST-lee)** *adjective*; Something that is ghastly is frightening, gruesome, or shocking. It would be hard to go back to sleep after waking from a ghastly nightmare in which you only have worms and cockroaches to eat.

5. **muster (MUHS-ter)** *verb*; *Muster* once referred to gathering a group of soldiers together in one place to do something, such as have an inspection or prepare for battle. Today *muster* is used to describe gathering up anything, and as much of it as you can, in order to get something done. Your band teacher might ask you to muster all the students you can find to help him move chairs into the gym for a concert. After standing against the wall at school dance for an hour, you might muster the courage to get out on the dance floor and boogie.

6. **rack (rak)** *verb*; As it used in the play, *rack* means “to strain” or “to cause to suffer physical or mental pain.” If your body is racked by fever, your temperature is extremely high, making you feel awful.

7. sallow (SAL-oh) *adjective*; If a person's skin is sallow, it is pale or yellowish and looks unhealthy. Someone with sallow skin looks as if he or she has lost blood or is tired or sick.

8. shun (shuhn) *verb*; To shun is to avoid, ignore, or reject someone or something. You might decide to shun candy and sugary drinks after having three painful cavities filled at the dentist.

Shun can also have a more specific meaning: to exclude or force someone out of a group, community, or society. This usually happens because someone does something that is not considered acceptable by others. A professional baseball player might be shunned by his fans if he breaks the rules of the sport.

Directions: In the space below and on the back of this page (if necessary), list any other words from the play whose definitions you are not sure about. For each word, use context clues to try to figure out the meaning. Then look up the word in a few different dictionaries. Discuss the meaning of the word with your teacher or another adult. Then write a definition for the word and one example sentence.

Vocabulary Practice

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Directions: Rewrite each sentence using a form of one of the words in the box. There is one word you will not use.

shun abomination rack benevolent entrepreneur

1. A generous company donated hundreds of books to our school's library.

2. In an effort to get more exercise, Tom decided to avoid elevators and take the stairs instead.

3. "The abuse of animals," said David, "is a horrible and disgusting act."

4. While Jan is excited about her family's first trip on an airplane, her brother is consumed with anxiety.

Directions: Underline the boldfaced word in each pair that best completes the sentence.

5. After staying up gaming all night, Taylor had to **muster/shun** all his energy to stay awake during his brother's piano recital.

6. In the first chapter of the new mystery novel I'm reading, a detective describes the **ghastly/sallow** details of the crime scene.

7. My friend Sarah is a young **abomination/entrepreneur**—she sells cool pencil cases that she makes using empty plastic bottles.

8. William said he felt fine, but his **sallow/benevolent** face told me he was not feeling well.