

LOTF Ch. 11-12 Vocabulary

1. **Excruciatingly** (adv): extremely painful; causing intense suffering
Dislocating your shoulder can be excruciatingly painful to fix.
2. **Truculently** (adv): fiercely; cruelly; savagely brutal
The murder was done truculently with clear motive and aggravation.
3. **Gilt** (adj): gold; golden
The sand was gilt with the rays of the sun.
4. **Wielding** (verb): to use effectively; to exercise (power, authority, influence)
The President was wielding his power when he commanded the people to follow the laws.
5. **Delirious** (adj): wild with excitement or enthusiasm
The child was delirious when he received his brand new bike.
6. **Anonymity** (noun): being anonymous
Anonymity is always best when receiving feedback from your coworkers.
7. **Writhing** (verb): to twist the body about or squirm in pain
The child was writhing in pain as he waited for the doctor to examine him.
8. **Mirage** (noun): optical phenomenon, esp. in desert or at sea- object appears at a different place
After hours at sea, I thought I saw a boat approaching, but it was just a mirage.
9. **Heave** (verb): to raise or lift with effort or force
We had to heave the large couch into the back of the moving van.
10. **Acrid** (adj): sharp or bitter to the taste and smell
The acrid nature of the leftovers proved that they were no longer good.
11. **Wrenched** (verb): to twist suddenly and forcibly; pull, jerk, or force by a violent twist
I wrenched the fork that was stuck in the drawer until it came out.
12. **Antiphonal** (adj): alternating or responsive singing by a choir in 2 divisions
The antiphonal singing of the song made for a more dynamic performance.
13. **Talisman** (noun): an amulet or charm (stone/ ring)
The ancient society believed that this necklace was an talisman for eternal health.
14. **Inimical** (adj): unfavorable; harmful; unfriendly; hostile
The lack of compromise led to an inimical relationship that was doomed to fail.
15. **Propitiatingly** (adv): to make favorably inclined; to appease
He propitiatingly compliment my work, knowing that he would eventually need my help.
16. **Ululation** (noun): a howl; a loud and shrill lament
There was an ululation that came from the animal as it was caught in the trap.