

LOTF Vocabulary Ch 3-4

1. **Tumult** (noun): violent and noisy uproar; riot; disorder
There was great tumult in the classroom after the earthquake hit.
2. **Virtuous** (adj): morally excellent; upright; chaste
Nuns are always considered virtuous as they strive to do what is right in the eyes of God.
3. **Recrimination** (noun): an accusation in return; bringing of a counter charge against
His recrimination in the argument was more of a personal attack than one based on logic.
4. **Officious** (adj): aggressive in offering one's unrequested and unwanted service
Even after I walked away, she continued to be officious and tell me what I should do.
5. **Abyss** (noun): deep immeasurable space; a chasm; hell
When I looked over the cliff, it was an abyss of ocean and seaweed.
6. **Inscrutable** (adj): not easily understood; mysterious, not able to be analyzed
The concept of infinity is often considered inscrutable by common people.
7. **Incredulous** (adj): skeptical, not believing
I was incredulous when I received her apology since I knew she needed my help.
8. **Baffled** (verb): confused, bewildered, perplexed
I was baffled by his reaction; I was certain he would like the new couch and he hated it!
9. **Blatant** (adj): flagrant; shamelessly obvious; conspicuous
Speeding on the highway is a blatant disregard for both the law and the safety of others.
10. **Preposterous** (adj): contrary to nature, reason, common sense; absurd
It is preposterous to me to think that you can receive credit for a copied assignment.
11. **Taboo** (noun): something not allowed, improper, unacceptable
In our society, drinking under age is considered taboo.
12. **Opaque** (adj): not transparent; not allowing light to pass through
The dirt on the windows made them opaque; they needed to be cleaned immediately.
13. **Appalled** (verb): filled with horror, fear, dismay
She was appalled as she watched her young child hit another child on the playground.
14. **Dubious** (adj): doubtful; uncertain in outcome
I am dubious that you can complete your five-page paper in the next twenty minutes,
15. **Chastisement** (noun): punishment; discipline
Your chastisement for sneaking out is to have no internet for a week.
16. **Ravenously** (adj): in a hurried, greedy way; famished
The boys ate their pizza ravenously after a long day of soccer practice.