

Night Vocabulary Part 4

1. **imperceptibly** (adv): in a very slight, gradual, or subtle way
The chameleon changed color so gradually it was almost imperceptible.
2. **gallows** (n): a wooden frame on which condemned people are executed by hanging
She was led to the gallows, on which she would be hanged.
3. **manacle** (n): a shackle for the hand; handcuff
The prisoner's hands were manacled.
4. **prostrate** (v): to cast oneself face down on the ground in humility, submission, or adoration; to lay flat on the ground
The faithful prostrated themselves before the cross; He lay prostrate on the ground.
5. **implore** (v): to beg urgently or piteously for help or mercy
The servant implored his master for leniency when he was caught stealing.
6. **sage** (n): a profoundly wise person; a person famous for wisdom; (adj) wise
People travelled thousands of miles just to hear the sage speak.
7. **summarily** (adv): in a prompt or direct manner; immediately
Students who disobey will be summarily punished.
8. **masquerade** (n): a party or dance at which people wear masks and other disguises; a costume or disguise; a false outward show; façade; pretense
He masqueraded as a pirate; He appears to be virtuous, but it is simply a masquerade.
9. **automaton** (n): a robot; a person or animal that acts in a monotonous way without active intelligence
He was so exhausted from his late night studying, he felt like an automaton.
10. **idle** (adj): not working or active; unemployed; doing nothing; lazy
During the summer months, many students are mentally idle.