

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

Word Study



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Reading Strategy Focus: Word Study

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Word Study Answer Key

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gossiped p. 2-talked about
pecked p. 2-small kiss
cloaks p. 3-capes
enraged p. 3-upset
clutching p. 4-holding tight
rooted p. 5-not moving
spectacles p. 8-glasses
rummaging p. 9-moving around
irritably p. 10-bothered
gingerly p. 16-delicately

Chapter 2

screached p. 19-screamed
frantically p. 23-rushing
hoodlums p. 25-troublemakers
sniggered p. 25-sly laugh
coils p. 27-wrapped in a circle
gibber p. 29-speak foolishly

Chapter 3

knickerbockers p. 32-type of pants
elastic p. 34-stretching
porridge p. 35-like oatmeal
scruffs p. 36-backs
trodden p. 39-landed
tufts p. 41-bunches
wrenched p. 41-pried
ambling p. 44-slow pace

Chapter 4

glinting p. 46-flash of light
grate p. 48-frame of metal bars
covering p. 49-crouch in fear
quailed p. 50-shrink with fear
ashen p. 52-gray, pale
rubbish p. 53-nonsense
ranting p. 53-talking
ruefully p. 59-with sadness

Chapter 5

gleamed p. 63-shined
transfiguration p. 66-changing form
cauldron p. 67-extremely large pot for cooking
phials p. 67-vial, like a test tube
sherry p. 68-type of wine
flutter p. 69-in awe
bloke p. 70-guy
apothecary p. 71-medicine store
swarthy p. 72-dark
hurtled p. 74-rush through
infernal p. 76-troublesome
befuddle p. 80-confuse
minuscule p. 81-tiny
stammering p. 81-to speak with pauses
gruffly p. 81-rough voice
spindly p. 82-weak, frail
pliable p. 82-easy to use
gawking p. 86-staring
laden p. 86-burdened

Chapter 6

punctures p. 89-preforations
ruddy p. 90-darn
disgruntled p. 94-unhappy
babble p. 94-nonsense noise
billowing p. 96-surgings mass of smoke
prefects p. 96-a person appointed to a position of command
clambered p. 97-climbed
prickle p. 107-sharp point sensation
tinge p. 109-shade
riffraff p. 109-worthless group of people
thronging p. 111-crowding

Chapter 7

drone p. 113-dull noise
peering p. 114-looking intently
lingered p. 114-focused on
ruff p. 115-collar
craning p. 121-to stretch the neck

Chapter 8

scrawl p. 135-handwriting
simmering p. 137-cook just below the boiling point
ensnaring p. 137-catching
galoshes p. 140-type of boots

Chapter 9

wrenched p. 150-to pull with force
swooped p. 151-flew
peered p. 152-looked
embers p. 155-smoldering
remains of a fire
beckoned p. 157-motioned
flitted p. 157-moved swiftly
petrified p. 158-scared in one spot
groped p. 161-felt, searched

Chapter 10

spite p. 165-desire to harm
chortled p. 166-to chuckle with glee
glinting p. 167-to shine
pelted p. 168-to attack with force
wafting p. 170-to carry lightly and smoothly
askew p. 172-to one side
griffin p. 173-monster with the head and wings of an eagle and a body of a lion
waggled p. 174-shaked
berserk p. 176-crazy
flailed p. 176-threw out

Chapter 11

conjured p. 181-made

Chapter 12

drawl p. 195-slow talk
provoked p. 196-stirred up by someone
disgruntled p. 197-unhappy
sheer p. 198-clear
brandished p. 198-brought out
tureens p. 203-large deep covered dishes
engulfed p. 203-surrounded them
sickle p. 203-a utensil for cutting
luminous p. 204-radiant, reflecting light
transfixed p. 210-staring motionless
entranced p. 213-enchanted, like in a trance

Chapter 13

sinister p. 217-evil
alchemy p. 220-form of chemistry
fixedly p. 223-directly at
spat p. 224-spit
prowling p. 225-to go about sneakily

Chapter 14

quill p. 229-feather
shifty p. 229-sneaky
stifling p. 231-extremely
stoked p. 233-kept going
trowels p. 234-tool with a blade
hitch p. 238-catch

Chapter 15

alibis p. 242-an excuse to avoid blame
feeble p. 242-weak
dreading p. 244-not looking forward to
meddle p. 245-interfere
leering p. 248-staring intently
scudding p. 248-move quickly
straining p. 252-trying to hear
livid p. 256-reddish
foretold p. 257-predicted
dappled p. 258-spots
cantered p. 259-gallopped

Chapter 16

sweltering p. 262-extremely
parchment p. 263-documents
basking p. 263-lying
briskly p. 271-quickly
steeling p. 272-willing
exasperation p. 273-annoyance
skulking p. 274-slinking
wriggling p. 278-to twist
midst p. 280-middle

Chapter 17

spasm p. 290-twitch
turban p. 292-a man's headress
hygienic p. 296-clean
detest p. 300-hate
sidled p. 303-to move sideways
ruddy p. 303-darn
remorse p. 303-regret
jostled p. 308-bumped