***The Book Thief*—Vocabulary List One**

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| **Word** | **Definition** | **Novel Sentence** |
| Amiable | Diffusing warmth and friendliness | *I can be amiable.* |
| Malicious | Having the nature of or resulting from malice; spiteful | *I am not malicious.* |
| Abhorrence | Hate coupled with disgust | *The abhorrence on his cheeks was growing thicker by the moment.* |
| Traipse | Walk or tramp about | *“Come on,” he said, traipsing over the snow.* |
| Shroud | Cover as if with a shroud | *He remained shrouded in his uniform as the graying light arm-wrestled the sky.* |
| Septic | Of or relating to or caused by purification | *I hang suspended, until a****septic****truth bleeds toward clarity That’s when I see them formulate.* |
| Corrode | Become destroyed by water, air, or a corrosive such as acid | *A suddenness found its way onto his lips then, which were a****corroded****brown color and peeling, like old paint.* |
| Unsavory | Morally offensive | *The situation was****unsavory****to say the least.* |
| Echelon | A body of troops arranged in a line | *She wasn’t delivering her children to the higher****echelons****of Munich, but a foster home had apparently been found, and if nothing else, the new family could at least feed the girl and the boy a little better, and educate them properly* |
| Illustrious | Widely known and esteemed | *The book thief had struck for the first time—the beginning of an****illustrious****career. Growing.* |
| Hiatus | An interruption in the intensity or amount of something | *I should hasten to admit, however, that there was a considerable****hiatus****between the first stolen book and the second* |
| Vehement | Marked by extreme intensity of emotions or convictions; inclined to react violently; fervid | *It was so****vehement****and prolific.* |
| Ponderous |  | *(The human child—so much cannier at times than the stupefyingly****ponderous****adult.)* |
| induce |  | *When Liesel finally had a bath, after two weeks of living on Himmel Street, Rosa gave her an enormous, injury-****inducing****hug.* |
| Raucous | Unpleasantly loud and harsh | *Evenings in the small kitchen were****raucous****, without fail.* |
| Catalyst | Something that causes an important event to happen | *One of them, the infamous Rudy, would soon become Liesel’s best friend, and later, her partner and sometime****catalyst****in crime.* |
| Nefarious | Extremely wicked | *Frau Diller was a sharp-edged woman with fat glasses and a****nefarious****glare* |
| Lacerate | Irregularly slashed and jagged as if torn | *Shaped like a long, broken arm, the road contained several houses with****lacerated****windows and bruised walls.* |
| Infamy | A state of extreme dishonor | *As we both know, Liesel wasn’t on hand on Himmel Street when Rudy performed his act of childhood****infamy.*** |
| Luminary | A celebrity who is an inspiration to others | *Had the apprentice been reading the complete works of Goethe or any other such****luminary****, that was what would have sat in front of them.* |
| Morbidity | An abnormally gloomy or unhealthy state of mind | *Not to mention the****morbidity****of the subject.* |
| Itemize | Specify individually | *Types of shovels, picks, gloves, and so forth were****itemized****, as well as the vital need to properly maintain them.* |
| Vital | Performing an essential function in the living body | *Types of shovels, picks, gloves, and so forth were itemized, as well as the****vital****need to properly maintain them.* |
| Scythe | An edge tool for cutting grass; has a long handle that must be held with both hands and a curved blade that moves parallel to the ground | *I like the****scythe.*** |
| seethe | Be in an agitated state |  *Clouds were filing in now, big and clumsy, and more kids were calling out to her, watching her* ***seethe.*** |