

The Book Thief—Vocabulary List Ten
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Word	Definition	Novel Sentence
Catatonic	Characterized by catatonia especially either rigidly or extreme laxness of limbs	<i>PART TEN the book thief featuring: the end of a world—the ninety-eighth day— a war maker—way of the words — a catatonic girl— confessions—ilsa hermann’s little black book- some rib-cage planes —and a mountain range of rubble THE END OF THE WORLD (Part I)</i>
Unkempt	Not properly maintained or cared for	<i>The shells of wreckage cantered down, and hours later, when the strange, unkempt silence settled itself in Molching, the local LSE could hear something.</i>
Blaspheme	Speak of in an irreverent or impious manner	<i>To blaspheme like the Germans— Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.</i>
Clutch	Take hold of; grab	<i>She was still clutching the book.</i>
Pensive	Deeply or seriously thoughtful	<i>On many occasions he was pensive about the thought of his son fighting in Stalingrad, but he hoped that some of his luck was in the boy’s blood.</i>
Alleviate	Provide physical relief, as from pain	<i>If nothing else, it alleviated the pain of simply watching.</i>
Pendulum	An apparatus consisting of an object mounted so that it swings freely under the influence of gravity	<i>Another human pendulum.</i>
Detonation	The act of detonating an explosive	<i>I did not hear the detonation of an old man’s voice when he found the hanging body, nor the sound of running feet and jaw- dropped gasps when other people arrived.</i>
Obliterated	Reduced to nothingness	<i>Liesel wrote that sometimes she almost told him about her own brother, like she did with Max, but there seemed a big difference between a long-distance cough and two obliterated legs.</i>
Console	Give moral or emotional strengths to	<i>How do you console a man who has seen such things?</i>
Ally	A friendly nation	<i>The Allies bombed Hamburg—and on that subject, it’s lucky I’m somewhat miraculous.</i>
Vantage	Place or situation affording some advantage, especially a comprehensive view or commanding perspective	<i>They watched the moving street, one by one, and when Liesel found a good vantage point, she stopped and studied them.</i>
Morosely	In a morose manner	<i>He stood absolutely still as the others swerved morosely around him, leaving him completely alone.</i>

Insolent	Marked by casual disrespect	<i>He cried as the soldiers came and a small collection of insolent Jews stood and watched.</i>
Hoist	Move from one place to another by lifting	<i>Max hoisted himself upright.</i>
Desecrate	Remove the consecration from a person or object	<i>Papa's fingers desecrated the accordion, murdering song after song, no matter how hard he tried.</i>
Lustrous	Brilliant	<i>The light was still orange, but it was not as lustrous as earlier.</i>
Pang	A sudden sharp feeling	<i>Her hands felt their final grip of the wooden window frame, and there was the last rush of a plunging stomach, and the pang of pain in her feet when she landed.</i>
Detriment	A damage or loss	<i>It's his only detriment.</i>
Apocalyptic	Prophetic devastation or ultimate doom	<i>Everything was new and apocalyptic.</i>
Epilogue	A short speech addressed directly to the audience by an actor at the end of a play	■ EPILOGUE <i>the last color featuring: death and liesel—some wooden tears—max— and the handover man DEATH AND LIESEL</i>
Throes	Violent pangs of suffering	<i>She was the girl they referred to as "the one with the accordion," and she was taken to the police, who were in the throes of deciding what to do with her.</i>
Whittle	Cut small bits or pare shavings from	<i>Since the news had found him, Alex had been whittled away.</i>
Haunt	Follow stealthily or recur constantly and spontaneously to	<i>I am haunted by humans.</i>

***Use Sentence Variation Models to teach grammatical structures in tandem with vocabulary.

***Use specific punctuation models from book to teach grammatical structures in tandem with vocabulary.

***Require the use of the three types of context clues when students compose sentences.

