

**The Book Thief—Vocabulary List Two**  
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Word	Definition	Novel Sentence
Flippant	Showing inappropriate levity	<i>If you were being <b>flippant</b> about it, you'd say that all it took was a little bit of fire, really, and some human shouting to go with it.</i>
Crux	The most important point	<i>It's no time to be half watching, turning around, or checking the stove—because when the book thief stole her second book, not only were there many factors involved in her hunger to do so, but the act of stealing it triggered the <b>crux</b> of what was to come.</i>
Overzealous	Marked by excessive enthusiasm for intense devotion to a cause or idea	<i>You see, people may tell you that Nazi Germany was built on anti-Semitism, a somewhat <b>overzealous</b> leader, and a nation of hate-fed bigots, but it would all have come to nothing had the Germans not loved one particular activity.</i>
Synagogue	Place of worship for a Jewish congregation	<i>Shops, <b>synagogues</b>, Reichstags, houses, personal items, slain people, and of course, books.</i>
Apparent	Clearly revealed to the mind or the senses or judgment	<i>Like most misery, it started with <b>apparent</b> happiness.</i>
Verge	The limit beyond which something happens or changes	<i>And she loved the fact that despite her failure in the classroom, her reading and writing were definitely improving and would soon be on the <b>verge</b> of something respectable.</i>
Succumb	Consent reluctantly	<i>A few times, Papa nearly slept, <b>succumbing</b> to the itchy fatigue in his eyes and the wilting of his head.</i>
Deterrent	Something immaterial that interferes with or delays action or progress	<i>One afternoon, she was tempted to steal a book from the class bookshelf, but frankly, the prospect of another corridor Watschen at the hands of Sister Maria was a powerful enough <b>deterrent</b>.</i>
Adhere	Stick to firmly	<i>Later, they read some more in bed, <b>adhering</b> to the tradition of circling the words she didn't know and writing them down.</i>
Prolific	Intellectually productive	<i>That particular book was a little longer, so Liesel was able to get through it only nine times, her pace increasing ever so slightly by the end of such <b>prolific</b> readings.</i>
Fervent	Characterized by intense emotion	<i>Rosa Hubermann was a great imitator, and a <b>fervent</b> one.</i>
Partisan	A fervent and even militant proponent of something	<i>This particular year, with the development of the war and Hitler's</i>

		<i>current victorious position, the Nazi <b>partisans</b> of Molching wanted the celebration to be especially befitting.</i>
Ransack	Search thoroughly	<i>Even Schiller Strasse—the road of yellow stars—which was still awaiting its renovation, was <b>ransacked</b> one last time, to find something, anything, to burn in the name of the Fiihrer's glory.</i>
Incinerate	Become reduced to ashes	<i>It would have come as no surprise if certain members of the party had gone away and published a thousand or so books or posters of poisonous moral matter simply to <b>incinerate</b> them.</i>
Proverbial	Widely known and spoken of	<i>In the opinion of Hans Junior, his father was part of an old, decrepit Germany— one that allowed everyone else to take it for the <b>proverbial</b> ride while its own people suffered.</i>
Admonish	Admonish or counsel in terms of someone's behavior	<i>She didn't <b>admonish</b> him at all, which, as you know, was highly unusual.</i>
Grotesque	Distorted and unnatural in shape or size; abnormal and hideous	<i>Or something <b>grotesque</b> and alien that had somehow landed miraculously in the middle of town and needed to be snuffed out, and fast.</i>
Kinetic	Characterized by motion	<i>The sound was <b>kinetic</b> humans, flowing, charging up.</i>
Consummate	Having or revealing supreme mastery or skill	<i>He was performing now what is called a Schreierei— a <b>consummate</b> exhibition of passionate shouting—warning the crowd to be watchful, to be vigilant, to seek out and destroy the evil machinations plotting to infect the motherland with its deplorable ways.</i>
Pivot	Turn on a pivot	<i>Just before Liesel Meminger <b>pivoted</b> with nausea to exit the crowd, the shiny, brown-shirted creature walked from the podium.</i>
Culpability	A state of guilt	<i>He received a torch from an accomplice and lit the mound, which dwarfed him in all its <b>culpability</b>.</i>
Ominous	Threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments	<i>It had been crushed among the excitement and was bleeding dark and <b>ominous</b> through his sock.</i>
Melee	A noisy riotous fight	<i>He was just an animal, hurt among the <b>melee</b> of its own kind, soon to be trampled by it.</i>
Precarious	Not secure; beset with difficulties	<i>As they walked past the <b>precarious</b> town hall shadows, the book thief winced.</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.