

The Book Thief—Vocabulary List Four
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Word	Definition	Novel Sentence
Wrath	Intense anger; usually on an epic scale	<i>PART FOUR the standover man featuring: the accordionist—a promise keeper— a good girl— a jewish fist fighter— the wrath of rosa—a lecture — a sleeper—the swapping of nightmares — and some pages from the basement</i>
Affront	A deliberately offensive act or something producing the effect of deliberate disrespect	<i>He ran in the middle, climbed in the middle, and he could shoot straight enough so as not to affront his superiors.</i>
Malignant	Dangerous to health; characterized by progressive and uncontrollable growth, especially of a tumor	<i>Cold sweat—that malignant little friend—outstaying its welcome in the armpits and trousers.</i>
Keen	Intense or sharp	<i>When the sergeant asked who had the best penmanship, you can surely understand why no one was keen to step forward.</i>
Apex	The highest point of something	<i>Slapped down with oil, his hair gleamed, though a small piece was always upright and vigilant at the apex of his head.</i>
Awry	Turned or twisted to the side	<i>When Hitler rose to power in 1933, though, the painting business fell slightly awry.</i>
Antagonize	Provoke the hostility of	<i>He couldn't join a party that antagonized people in such a way.</i>
Girth	The distance around a person's body	<i>At first, the man looked down, past his girth, to the ground, but when his eyes returned to the painter, the question clearly made him uncomfortable.</i>
Morose	Showing a brooding ill humor	<i>The movement inside tapered from hurried to morose, then stopped altogether.</i>
Innocuous	Not injurious to physical or mental health	<i>Innocuously, a man walked past.</i>
Ostracism	The act of excluding someone from society by general consent	<i>It was the accordion that most likely spared him from total ostracism.</i>
Ludicrous	Incongruous; inviting ridicule	<i>Max Vandenburg, the Jew, closed his eyes and drooped a little further into safety The very idea of it was ludicrous, but he accepted it nonetheless.</i>
Capitulate	Surrender under agreed conditions	<i>As is often the case, the family surrounded the bed and watched him capitulate.</i>

Gallantry	The qualities of a hero or heroine; exceptional or heroic courage when facing danger, especially in battle	Such stupid gallantry .
Archetypal	Representing or constituting an original type after which other similar things are patterned	Archetypal Germans, the odd Jew, the boys from the east.
Proffer	Present for acceptance or rejection	Kugler proffered a warning.
Emulate	Strive to equal or match, especially by imitating	Walter was always seeking revenge for that first victory Max took from him, and Max was looking to emulate his moment of glory.
Tirade	A speech of violent denunciation	Curiosity got the better of her then, as she imagined a tirade thrown down from the wrath of Rosa.
Convulse	Move or stir about violently	His back convulsed and his arms were well spread.
Inaugural	Occurring at or characteristic of a formal investiture or induction	It was a kind of bemused, inaugural silence.
Mortified	Made to feel uncomfortable because of shame or wounded pride	The very idea of it mortified him.
Tentatively	In a tentative manner	She walked tentatively down the steps, knowing that no words were required.
Rendition	A performance of a musical composition or a dramatic role, etc.	If Rudy wasn't talking about Deutscher's intense ways, he was playing his usual broken record, providing renditions and re-creations of the last goal he scored in the Himmel Street soccer stadium.
Hiatus	An interruption in the intensity or amount of something	Since Max's arrival, there had been a considerable hiatus in the reading practice of Liesel and her papa.
Propaganda	Information that is spread for the purpose of promoting some cause	A blatant lie—he had nothing to give, except maybe Mein Kampf, and there was no way he'd give such propaganda to a young German girl.
Caustic	Of a substance, especially a strong acid; capable of destroying or eating away by chemical action	Yju can do all manner of underhanded nice things when you have a caustic reputation.

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***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.

