

**The Book Thief—Vocabulary List Six**  
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Word	Definition	Novel Sentence
Repercussion	A remote or indirect consequence of some action	<i>Much of it would have <b>repercussions</b> for Liesel Meminger.</i>
Suffice	Be sufficient; be adequate; either in quality or quantity	<i>I could go on, but I've decided for now that three examples will <b>suffice</b>.</i>
Ashen	Made of wood of the ash tree	<i>Three examples, if nothing else, will give you the <b>ashen</b> taste in your mouth that defined my existence during that year.</i>
Strew	Spread by scattering	<i>Often, I try to remember the <b>strewn</b> pieces of beauty I saw in that time as well.</i>
Regimen	A systemic plan for therapy	<i>His exercise <b>regimen</b> faltered and fell apart, with his cheek against the surly basement floor.</i>
Falter	Be unsure or weak	<i>His exercise regimen <b>faltered</b> and fell apart, with his cheek against the surly basement floor.</i>
Distorted	Do badly formed or out of shape as to be ugly	<i>He would struggle to wake up next to the fire, sleeping well into the morning instead, his mouth <b>distorted</b> and his cheekbones starting to swell.</i>
Philosophical	Of or relating to philosophy or philosophers	<i>Papa was more <b>philosophical</b>.</i>
Resurgence	Bringing into activity or prominence	<i>There was no cake. <b>resurgence</b>—an immense struggle against my weight.</i>
Customary	Commonly used or practiced; usual	<i>He welcomed her in the <b>customary</b> way as they fought for the ball.</i>
Irreparable	Impossible to repair, rectify, or amend	<i>After judging it <b>irreparable</b>, all of the kids walked home in disgust, leaving the ball twitching on the cold, blistered road.</i>
Ajar	Slightly open	<i>The door was slightly <b>ajar</b>.</i>
Remnant	A small part or portion that remains after the main part no longer exists	<i>*** THE LAST <b>REMNANTS</b> OF ***</i>
Incredulous	Not disposed or willing to believe; unbelieving	<i>Hans couldn't resist an <b>incredulous</b> tone.</i>
Attain	To gain with effort	<i>They were by the Amper River and Liesel had just told Rudy that she was interested in <b>attaining</b> another book from the mayor's house.</i>
Vigilance	The process of paying close and continuous attention	<i>How dare she occupy the kitchen with such <b>vigilance</b>!</i>
Antithesis	Exact opposite	<i>(She had learned that expression from <i>The Dream Carrier</i>, which was essentially the complete <b>antithesis</b> of <i>The Whistler</i>— a book about an abandoned child who wanted to be a priest.)</i>

Premonition	An early warning about a future event	Was it a <b>premonition</b> of Max's death?
Tirade	A speech of violent denunciation	The <b>tirade</b> went on for perhaps another minute, with Liesel making a desperate suggestion or two about the possible location of the said brush.
Trepidation	A feeling of alarm or dread	<b>Trepidation</b> found its way onto his face and he made a confession to the girl.
Smattering	A slight or superficial understanding of a subject	There was already a <b>smattering</b> of air-raid shelters in Molching, but it was decided soon after the bombing of Cologne that a few more certainly wouldn't hurt.
Generate	Bring into existence	Panic <b>generated</b> in that awful way Throat and mouth.
Fluent	Expressing yourself readily, clearly, effectively	When he returned, he spoke fast and <b>fluent</b> .
Maniacal	Wildly disordered	"The <b>maniacal</b> soccer player!"
Audacity	Aggressive boldness or unmitigated effrontery	I doubt any of them had the <b>audacity</b> to consider what they'd do if the basement was appointed as a shelter.
Ascend	Travel up	The answer <b>ascended</b> the steps, on top of Max Vandenburg.
Plummet	Drop sharply	Saved you, I'd think, holding their souls in midair as the rest of their being—their physical shells— <b>plummeted</b> to the earth.

\*\*\*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.