

The Book Thief—Vocabulary List Eight
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Word	Definition	Novel Sentence
Anarchist	An advocate of anarchism	<i>PART EIGHT</i> <i>the word shaker</i> <i>featuring:</i> <i>dominoes and darkness—the thought of rudy naked—punishment—a promise keeper’s wife—a collector—the bread eaters— a candle in the trees—a hidden sketchbook— and the anarchist’s suit collection</i> DOMINOES AND DARKNESS
Oblivious	Lacking conscious awareness of	<i>The remaining three listened to the radio in the bedroom, oblivious.</i>
Rogue	A deceitful and unreliable scoundrel	<i>As was his habit, he also left a few gaps, in case the rogue finger of a sibling interfered, which it usually did.</i>
Canny	Showing self-interest and shrewdness in dealing with others	<i>So much cannier.</i>
Intervene	Get involved, so as to alter or hinder an action, or through force or threat of force	<i>If he’d intervened, it might have changed everything.</i>
Colossal	So great in size or force or extent as to elicit awe	<i>It roped down her back, and occasionally, when she brought it over her shoulder, it lurked at her hercolossal breast like an overfed pet.</i>
Perilous	Fraught with danger	<i>Both Rudy and the other boy, Olaf Spiegel, had started undressing now as well, but they were nowhere near the perilous position of Jurgen Schwarz.</i>
Abject	Of the most contemptible kind	<i>When his underpants came down, it was with abject humiliation that he stood in the small, cool office.</i>
Horrendous	Causing fear or dread or terror	<i>A horrendous hail of coughing.</i>
Hail	Many objects thrown forcefully through the air	<i>A horrendous hail of coughing.</i>
Saga	A narrative telling the adventures of a hero or a family; originally (12 th to 14 th centuries) a story of the families that settled Iceland and their descendants but now any prose narrative that resembles such an account	<i>The day after they’d visited Himmel Street, Rudy sat on his front step with Liesel and related the whole saga, even the smallest details.</i>
Ration	A fixed portion that is allotted, especially in times of scarcity	<i>On the ration cards of Nazi Germany, there was no listing for punishment, but everyone had to take their turn.</i>
Compulsory	Required by rule	<i>Words like compulsory and duty were beaten into the page.</i>
Vain	Unproductive of success	<i>Liesel followed, in a vain attempt to stop her.</i>
Berate	Censure severely or angrily	<i>Mama was not the same—she didn’t berate.</i>
Expertise	Skillfulness by virtue of possessing	<i>Given his expertise in tailoring, he</i>

	special knowledge	<i>was given a job that at least resembled his profession.</i>
Disheveled	In disarray; extremely disorderly	<i>He almost came to enjoy finding a smoldering rafter or disheveled slab of concrete to prop those elbows up, to give them something to rest on.</i>
Doggedly	With obstinate determination	<i>Once in a while there was a person roaming doggedly through the fog, mostly single-worded.</i>
Abridged	Shortened by condensing or rewriting	<i>The reading sessions included Wednesday now as well, and they'd finished the water- abridged version of The Whistler and were on to The Dream Carrier.</i>
Miscreant	A person without moral scruples	<i>In mid-December, a small collection of Jews and other miscreants was brought down Munich Street again, to Dachau.</i>
Livid	Furiously angry	<i>Rudy was livid.</i>
Patron	Someone who supports or champions something	<i>Once the last few patrons had arrived, everyone settled down solemnly and waited.</i>
Dais	A platform above the surrounding level to give prominence to the person on it	<i>Things like Rudy on a dais with three gold medals slung around his neck.</i>
Rampant	Unrestrained and violent	<i>They were all placed on a conveyor belt and nm through a rampant machine that gave them a lifetime in ten minutes.</i>
Lanky	Tall and thin and having long slender limbs	<i>Liesel walked hurriedly to remain in step with the lankier stride of her neighbor.</i>
Dismantle	Take off or remove	<i>It groped her arm and dismantled in its clothes on top of her.</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.