

Abrasion

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An injury caused by something that rubs or scrapes against the skin.

Bizarre

“At Misasa Bridge, they encountered a long line of soldiers making a bizarre forced march away from the Chugoku Regional Army Headquarters...”

Very strange or unusual, especially so as to cause interest or amusement.

Char

“He retrieved some diaries and church records that had been kept in books and were only charred around the edges, as well as some cooking utensils and pottery.”

Partially burn (an object) so as to blacken its surface.

Clavicle

“By the light of a lantern, he had examined himself and found: left clavicle fractured; multiple abrasions and lacerations of face and body...”

Technical term for collarbone.

Contusion

“By the light of a lantern, he had examined himself and found... extensive contusions on chest and trunk; a couple of ribs possibly fractured.”

A region of injured tissue or skin in which blood capillaries have been ruptured; a bruise.

Credence

“No one understood the idea or put any more credence in it than in the powdered magnesium and such things.”

Belief in or acceptance of something as true.

Fester

“When he awoke... he looked across the river and saw that he had not carried the festered, limp bodies high enough on the sandspit the night before.”

(Of an injury such as a cut) to become infected and form pus (a thick yellow liquid).

Gangrene

“One said there was gas gangrene in the lips of the wound and predicted she would die unless they amputated...”

Death and decomposition of body tissue, resulting from obstructed circulation.

Grotesque

“All were grotesquely burned, and they supported themselves with staves or leaned on one another.”

Odd or unnatural in shape, appearance, or character; fantastically ugly or absurd; bizarre.

Havoc

“The sight of the shipshape launch against the background of the havoc across the river...cheered the people in the park tremendously.”

A situation in which there is much destruction or confusion.

Immolate

“The priests concluded that Mr. Fukai had run back to immolate himself in the flames. They never saw him again.”

Kill or offer as a sacrifice, especially by burning.

Laceration

“By the light of a lantern, he had examined himself and found: left clavicle fractured; multiple abrasions and lacerations of face and body...”

A deep cut or tear in skin or flesh.

Moribund

“Beginning on the second day, whenever a patient appeared to be moribund, a piece of paper with his name on it was fastened to his clothing.”

(Of a person) at the point of death.

Prefecture

“Just the day before, the prefecture had ordered all able-bodied girls from the secondary schools to spend a few days helping to clear these lanes, and they started work”

A political region or local government area in some countries, for example Japan and France.

Putrescent

“He made an incision and put in a rubber pipe to drain off the putrescence.”

Undergoing the process of decay; rotting.

Putrid

“Her leg became discolored, swollen, and putrid.”

(Of organic matter) decaying or rotting and emitting a foul smell.

Pyre

“The corpse detail carried the bodies to a clearing outside, placed them on pyres of wood from ruined houses, burned them...”

A heap of combustible material, especially one for burning a corpse as part of a funeral ceremony.

Queasy

“Since that day, Father Kleinsorge has thought back to how queasy he had once been at the sight of pain, how someone else’s cut finger used to make him turn faint.”

Inclined to or feeling nausea, as the stomach, a person, etc.

Shrine

“He crossed the river, went past the Shinto shrine where he had met his wife for a brief moment the day before, and walked to the East Parade Ground.”

A place regarded as holy because of its associations with a divinity or a sacred person or relic.

Slough

“He remembered uneasily what the great burns he had seen during the day had been like: yellow at first, then red and swollen, with the skin sloughed off...”

Shed or remove (a layer of dead skin).

Stupefy

“He looked for some of the city’s Japanese Catholics, but he found only fallen houses. He walked back to the Novitiate, stupefied and without any new understanding.”

Make (someone) unable to think or feel properly.

Succinct

“Early that day, August 7th, the Japanese radio broadcast for the first time a succinct announcement that very few... survivors in Hiroshima, happened to hear...”

(Especially of something written or spoken) briefly and clearly expressed.

Succor

“Above all, the promise of medical help—the first word of possible succor anyone had heard in nearly twelve awful hours—cheered the people in the park tremendously.”

Assistance and support in times of hardship and distress.

Suppurate

“He remembered uneasily what the great burns he had seen during the day had been like... the skin sloughed off, and finally, in the evening, suppurated and smelly.”

(Of an injury, etc.) to form pus (a thick, yellow liquid) because of infection.