

## Capricious

"These four did not realize it, but they were coming down with the strange, capricious disease which came later to be known as radiation sickness."

Given to sudden and unaccountable changes of mood or behavior.

## Caricature

"The row of dowdy banks, caricaturing a shaken economic system;"

Make a comically or grotesquely exaggerated representation of (someone or something).

## Consecrate

"His son said, 'Father, we can do nothing except make our mind up to consecrate our lives for the country.'"

Make or declare (something, typically a church) sacred.

## Crux

"The crux of the matter is whether total war in its present form is justifiable, even when it serves a just purpose."

The decisive or most important point at issue.

## Decrepit

"The houses on the outskirts of the city, standing but decrepit, with broken windows and dishevelled tiles;"

Old and in bad condition or poor health.

## Destitute

"A year after the bomb was dropped, Miss Sasaki was a cripple; Mrs. Nakamura was destitute;"

Without money, food, a home, or possessions.

## Diastase

"He... just stretched her out on a mat and prescribed aspirin for her fever, and glucose intravenously and diastase orally for her undernourishment..."

An enzyme that breaks down starch into maltose, then dextrose, and is present in malt.

## Emanation

"It was that the atomic bomb had deposited some sort of poison on Hiroshima which would give off deadly emanations for seven years;"

Something that comes forth from a source; thing emitted.

## Ethics

“A surprising number of the people of Hiroshima remained more or less indifferent about the ethics of using the bomb.”

Moral principles that govern a person's behavior or the conducting of an activity.

## Façade

“A painter on a ladder was monumentalized in a kind of bas-relief on the stone façade of a bank building... in the act of dipping his brush into his paint can;”

The front of a building.

## Hemorrhage

“Her skin and visible mucous membranes were heavily spotted with petechiae, which are hemorrhages about the size of grains of rice, or even as big as soybeans;”

An escape of blood from a ruptured blood vessel, especially when profuse.

## Macabre

“And in the streets a macabre traffic—hundreds of crumpled bicycles, shells of streetcars and automobiles, all halted in mid-motion.”

Disturbing and horrifying because of involvement with or depiction of death and injury.

## Malaise

“Mr. Tanimoto fell suddenly ill with a general malaise, weariness, and feverishness, and he, too, took to his bedroll on the floor of the half-wrecked house of a friend”

A general feeling of discomfort, illness, or uneasiness whose exact cause is difficult to identify.

## Morbid

“She had been growing more and more depressed and morbid; she seemed little interested in living.”

Of, relating to, or characteristic of disease.

## Prognosis

“The two key symptoms, on which the doctors came to base their prognosis, were fever and the lowered white-corpuscule count.”

A doctor's opinion about how someone will recover from an illness or injury.

## Remnant

“Sickle senna grew in extraordinary regeneration, not only standing among the charred remnants of the same plant but pushing up in new places, among bricks...”

A small remaining quantity of something.

## Retrospect

“The doctors realized in retrospect that even though most of these dead had also suffered from burns and blast effects, they had absorbed enough radiation to kill them.”

A survey or review of a past course of events or period of time.

## Succumb

“The apparently uninjured people who had died so mysteriously in the first few hours or days had succumbed in this first stage.”

To be brought to an end (such as death) by the effect of destructive or disruptive forces.

## Swathe

“He noticed... a curious syndrome of symptoms that cropped out in the third and fourth weeks, but he was not able to do much more than swathe cuts and burns.”

Wrap in several layers of fabric.

## Talisman

“He had begun to think that this bag, in which he kept his valuables, had a talismanic quality, because of the way he had found it after the explosion...”

An object held to act as a charm to avert evil and bring good fortune.

## Tibia

“She had a compound fracture of the left tibia, with swelling of the left lower leg;”

The inner and typically larger of the two bones between the knee and the ankle.

## Verdant

“The verdancy rose even from the foundations of ruined houses. Weeds already hid the ashes, and wild flowers were in bloom among the city’s bones.”

Green with growing plants.

## Vitality

“Mr. Tanimoto’s church had been ruined and he no longer had his exceptional vitality.”

The state of being strong and active; energy.

## Yen

“It came to Mrs. Nakamura’s attention that a carpenter from Kabe was building a number of wooden shanties in Hiroshima which he rented for fifty yen a month...”

The unit of currency that is used in Japan.