

## **Amiable**

"Hark at the wind," said Mr. White, who, having seen a fatal mistake after it was too late, was amiably desirous of preventing his son from seeing it."

Having or displaying a friendly and pleasant manner.

## **Antimacassar**

"He darted round the table, pursued by the maligned Mrs. White armed with an antimacassar."

A small covering placed on the backs and arms of upholstered furniture to prevent wear.

## **Apathy**

"But the days passed, and expectation gave place to resignation -- the hopeless resignation of the old, sometimes miscalled, apathy."

Lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern.

## **Apparel**

"Mrs. White... placed her hands behind her, and hurriedly unfastening the strings of her apron, put that useful article of apparel beneath the cushion of her chair."

Clothing.

## **Appeal**

"Her husband followed to the landing, and called after her appealingly as she hurried downstairs."

To ask for something (such as help or support) in a serious way.

## **Attribute**

"Morris said the things happened so naturally," said his father, "that you might if you so wished attribute it to coincidence."

A quality, character, or characteristic ascribed to someone or something.

## **Audible**

"At the foot of the stairs the match went out, and he paused to strike another, and... a knock, so quiet and stealthy as to be scarcely audible, sounded on the door."

Able to be heard.

## **Avaricious**

"Well, don't break into the money before I come back," said Herbert, as he rose... "I'm afraid it'll turn you into a mean, avaricious man, and we shall have to disown you."

Greedy.

## **Betoken**

“The dirty, shrivelled little paw was pitched on the sideboard with a carelessness which betokened no great belief in its virtues.”

To be a sign of (something).

## **Bog**

“Pathway's a bog, and the road's a torrent.”

A swamp.

## **Broach**

“She then waited as patiently as her sex would permit, for him to broach his business, but he was at first strangely silent.”

To mention or suggest for the first time.

## **Coincidence**

“Morris said the things happened so naturally,” said his father, “that you might if you so wished attribute it to coincidence.”

A striking occurrence of two or more events at one time apparently by mere chance.

## **Condole**

“The old man rose with hospitable haste, and opening the door, was heard condoling with the new arrival.”

To express sympathy with a person who is suffering sorrow, misfortune, or grief.

## **Credulity**

“His father, smiling shamefacedly at his own credulity, held up the talisman, as his son, with a solemn face somewhat marred by a wink at his mother, sat down.”

Willingness to believe or trust too readily, especially without proper or adequate evidence.

## **Desirous**

““Hark at the wind,” said Mr. White, who, having seen a fatal mistake after it was too late, was amiably desirous of preventing his son from seeing it.”

Having or characterized by desire.

## **Disown**

““Well, don't break into the money before I come back,” said Herbert, as he rose... “I'm afraid it'll turn you into a mean, avaricious man, and we shall have to disown you.”

To refuse to accept any longer a relationship with or connection to.

## Dogged

"If you don't want it, Morris," said the old man, "give it to me." "I won't," said his friend doggedly. "I threw it on the fire. If you keep it, don't blame me for what happens."

Stubbornly determined.

## Doughty

"At the third glass his eyes got brighter, and he began to talk... as he squared his broad shoulders in the chair and spoke of strange scenes and doughty deeds."

Brave, strong, and determined.

## Dubious

"Mr. White took the paw from his pocket and eyed it dubiously. "I don't know what to wish for, and that's a fact," he said slowly. "It seems to me I've got all I want."

Feeling doubt about something.

## Enthral

"In the business of supper the talisman was partly forgotten, and afterward the three sat listening in an enthralled fashion to... the soldier's adventures in India."

To hold the attention of completely.

## Fakir

"I should like to see those old temples and fakirs and jugglers," said the old man."

A Muslim or Hindu religious person or monk commonly considered a wonder-worker.

## Fate

"He wanted to show that fate ruled people's lives, and that those who interfered with it did so to their sorrow."

A power that is thought to determine the course of events.

## Frivolous

"How could wishes be granted...? And if they could, how could two hundred pounds hurt you, father?" "Might drop on his head from the sky," said the frivolous Herbert."

Characterized by lack of seriousness or sense.

## Fusillade

"A perfect fusillade of knocks reverberated through the house, and he heard the scraping of a chair as his wife put it down in the passage against the door."

A large number of shots that are fired very quickly.

## **Grimace**

“He took something out of his pocket and proffered it. Mrs. White drew back with a grimace, but her son, taking it, examined it curiously.”

A facial expression usually of disgust, disapproval, or pain.

## **Jar**

“His manner was so impressive that his hearers were conscious that their light laughter jarred somewhat.”

To have a harshly unpleasant or perturbing effect on one's nerves, feelings, thoughts, etc.

## **Malign**

“He darted round the table, pursued by the maligned Mrs. White armed with an antimacassar.”

Causing or intended to cause harm.

## **Mar**

“His father, smiling shamefacedly at his own credulity, held up the talisman, as his son, with a solemn face somewhat marred by a wink at his mother, sat down.”

To hurt or damage the good condition of (something).

## **Mutilate**

“The talisman was in its place, and a horrible fear that the unspoken wish might bring his mutilated son before him ere he could escape from the room seized upon him.”

Inflict a violent and disfiguring injury on.

## **Parlour**

“Without, the night was cold and wet, but in the small parlour of Laburnam Villa the blinds were drawn and the fire burned brightly.”

A room in a private house or establishment where people can sit and talk and relax; living room.

## **Presumptuous**

“Well, why don't you have three, sir?” said Herbert White cleverly. The soldier regarded him in the way that middle age is wont to regard presumptuous youth.”

Too confident especially in a way that is rude.

## **Proffer**

“The sergeant-major... taking the proffered seat by the fire, watched contentedly while his host got out whisky and tumblers and stood a small copper kettle on the fire.”

To put before a person for acceptance; offer.

## Resignation

“But the days passed, and expectation gave place to resignation--the hopeless resignation of the old, sometimes miscalled, apathy.”

The feeling that something unpleasant is going to happen and cannot be changed.

## Resolution

“The fourth time he stood with his hand upon it, and then with sudden resolution flung it open and walked up the path.”

A firm decision to do or not to do something.

## Resound

“His wife sat up in bed listening. A loud knock resounded through the house.”

(Of a sound, voice, etc.) fill a place with sound; be loud enough to echo.

## Reverberate

“A perfect fusillade of knocks reverberated through the house, and he heard the scraping of a chair as his wife put it down in the passage against the door.”

(Of a loud noise) be repeated several times as an echo.

## Rubicund

“Mrs. White said, “Tut, tut!” and coughed gently as her husband entered the room, followed by a tall burly man, beady of eye and rubicund of visage.”

Red or reddish.

## Scarcely

“At the foot of the stairs the match went out, and he paused to strike another, and... a knock, so quiet and stealthy as to be scarcely audible, sounded on the door.”

Barely; hardly; not quite.

## Shamefaced

“His father, smiling shamefacedly at his own credulity, held up the talisman, as his son, with a solemn face somewhat marred by a wink at his mother, sat down.”

Feeling or expressing shame or embarrassment.

## Shudder

“A fine crash from the piano greeted the words, interrupted by a shuddering cry from the old man.”

(Of a person) tremble convulsively, typically as a result of fear or revulsion.

## **Simian**

“He sat alone in the darkness, gazing at the dying fire, and seeing faces in it. The last face was so horrible and so simian that he gazed at it in amazement.”

Monkey or ape-like.

## **Talisman**

“Her husband drew the talisman from his pocket and then all three burst into laughter as the sergeant-major, with a look of alarm on his face, caught him by the arm.”

Something producing apparently magical or miraculous effects.

## **Torrent**

“Pathway's a bog, and the road's a torrent.”

A large amount of water that moves very quickly in one direction.

## **Visage**

“Mrs. White said, “Tut, tut!” and coughed gently as her husband entered the room, followed by a tall burly man, beady of eye and rubicund of visage.”

Face.