

**“The Monkey’s Paw” Vocabulary**

Amiable- having or displaying a friendly and pleasant manner
Antimacassar- a small covering placed on the backs and arms of upholstered furniture to prevent wear
Apathy- lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern
Apparel- clothing
Appeal- to ask for something (such as help or support) in a serious way
Attribute- a quality, character, or characteristic ascribed to someone or something
Audible- able to be heard
Avaricious- greedy
Betoken- to be a sign of (something)
Bog- a swamp
Broach- to mention or suggest for the first time
Coincidence- a striking occurrence of two or more events at one time apparently by mere chance
Condole- to express sympathy with a person who is suffering sorrow, misfortune, or grief
Credulity- willingness to believe or trust too readily, especially without proper or adequate evidence
Desirous- having or characterized by desire
Disown- to refuse to accept any longer a relationship with or connection to
Dogged- stubbornly determined
Doughty- brave, strong, and determined
Dubious- feeling doubt about something
Enthrall- to hold the attention of completely
Fakir- a Muslim or Hindu religious person or monk commonly considered a wonder-worker
Fate- a power that is thought to determine the course of events
Frivolous- characterized by lack of seriousness or sense
Fusillade- a large number of shots that are fired very quickly

Grimace- a facial expression usually of disgust, disapproval, or pain
Jar- to have a harshly unpleasant or perturbing effect on one's nerves, feelings, thoughts, etc.
Malign- causing or intended to cause harm
Mar- to hurt or damage the good condition of (something)
Mutilate- inflict a violent and disfiguring injury on
Parlour- a room in a private house or establishment where people can sit and talk and relax; living room
Presumptuous- too confident especially in a way that is rude
Proffer- to put before a person for acceptance; offer
Resignation- the feeling that something unpleasant is going to happen and cannot be changed
Resolution- a firm decision to do or not to do something
Resound- (of a sound, voice, etc.) fill a place with sound; be loud enough to echo
Reverberate- – (of a loud noise) be repeated several times as an echo
Rubicund- red or reddish
Scarcely- barely; hardly; not quite
Shamefaced- feeling or expressing shame or embarrassment
Shudder- (of a person) tremble convulsively, typically as a result of fear or revulsion
Simian- monkey or apelike
Talisman- something producing apparently magical or miraculous effects
Torrent- a large amount of water that moves very quickly in one direction
Visage- face