The Pearl Vocabulary Chapter 4

Benign- Gentle and kindly.

Clamber- Climb, move, or get in or out of something in an awkward and laborious way.

Clumsy- Awkward in movement or in handling things.

Coagulate- (Of a fluid, especially blood) change to a solid or semisolid state.

Collusion- Secret or illegal cooperation or conspiracy, especially in order to cheat or deceive others.

Contemptuous- Showing contempt; scornful.

Dignity- The state or quality of being worthy of honor or respect.

Extravagant- Lacking restraint in spending money or using resources.

Legerdemain- Skill in using your hands to perform magic tricks.

Lethargy- A lack of energy and enthusiasm.

Monstrosity- Something that is outrageously or offensively wrong.

Perplex- To confuse (someone) very much.

Peso- The basic unit of money of Mexico and several other Latin American countries.

Rampart- A tall, thick stone or dirt wall that is built around a castle, town, etc., to protect it from attacks.

Scuffle- To fight briefly and usually not very seriously.

Sermon- A speech about a moral or religious subject that is usually given by a religious leader.

Solemn- Very serious or formal in manner, behavior, or expression.

Spurn- To reject with disdain or contempt.

Stalwart- Loyal, reliable, and hardworking.

Stout- (Of a person) somewhat fat or of heavy build.

Tithe- One tenth of annual produce or earnings, formerly taken as a tax for the support of the Church.

Tremor- An involuntary quivering movement.

Vigor- Strength, energy, or determination.

Wary- Feeling or showing caution about possible dangers or problems.