

The Pearl Vocabulary Chapter 5

Abandon- To leave and never return to (something or someone).
Butcher- Someone who kills animals and prepares their meat to be eaten.
Conceive- Form or devise (a plan or idea) in the mind.
Divert- To change the direction or use of (something).
Dull- To become or cause (something) to become less clear, distinct, bright, or shiny.
Edifice- A building, especially a large, imposing one.
Embrace- Hold (someone) closely in one's arms, especially as a sign of affection.
Exhilaration- A feeling of excitement, happiness, or elation.
Fondle- Stroke or caress lovingly or erotically.
Forestall- Prevent or obstruct (an anticipated event or action) by taking action ahead of time.
Gourd- A fleshy, typically large fruit with a hard skin, some varieties of which are edible.
Insult- Speak to or treat with disrespect or scornful abuse.
Lament- A passionate expression of grief or sorrow.
Leprosy- A serious disease that causes painful rough areas on the skin and that badly damages nerves.
Preserve- Maintain (something) in its original or existing state.
Relative- A person connected by blood or marriage.
Retrieve- Get or bring (something) back; regain possession of.
Rummage- To search for something especially by moving and looking through the contents of a place.
Skirl- To emit a high shrill tone.
Sorrow- A feeling of sadness or grief caused especially by the loss of someone or something.
Stifling- (Of heat, air, or a room) very hot and causing difficulties in breathing; suffocating.
Surge- To suddenly increase to an unusually high level.
Theory- A belief, policy, or procedure proposed or followed as the basis of action.
Whimper- To make a quiet crying sound.

