

# Key Stage 3 Home Learning (2) Vocabulary Answers

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## Week One

### **Valiant**

Definition: Possessing or showing great bravery

Synonyms: brave, courageous, fearless, heroic, intrepid, bold, gutsy

Antonyms: cowardly, weak, craven, fainthearted, timid, spineless

### **Treacherous**

Definition: guilty of betraying or deceiving

Synonyms: unfaithful, disloyal, deceitful, two-faced, untrustworthy, traitorous, false, duplicitous, dishonest, undependable

Antonyms: loyal, faithful, trustworthy, dependable, reliable, steadfast, constant, devoted

### **Tyrannical**

Definition: exercising power in a cruel and capricious manner

Synonyms: oppressive, domineering, authoritarian, totalitarian, overbearing, dictatorial, punishing, pitiless, bullying, unjust

Antonyms: democratic, fair, liberal, easy-going, even-tempered

## **Apprehensive**

Definition: fearful or anxious that something bad will happen

Synonyms: fearful, anxious, uneasy, concerned, hesitant, nervous, agitated, alarmed, neurotic, trepidatious

Antonyms: confident, cool, assured, sure

## **Submissive**

Definition: ready and willing to bend to the will of others

Synonyms: meek, obedient, passive, compliant, dutiful, acquiescent, docile, accommodating, deferential, subservient, malleable, yielding, forbearing, obsequious, slavish, supine

Antonyms: assertive, domineering, intractable, obstinate, firm, forceful, insistent, pushy

### **Conniving**

Definition: responsible for plotting something immoral or harmful

Synonyms: devious, scheming, deceitful, sly, crafty, manipulative, calculating, conspiratorial

Antonyms: innocent, candid, honest, ingenuous, artless

### **Ruthless**

Definition: acting without pity or compassion for others

Synonyms: pitiless, merciless, cruel, callous, coldblooded, heartless, hardnosed, unsympathetic, fierce, stony, cut-throat

Antonyms: merciful, compassionate, kind, lenient, forgiving, sympathetic

### **Obstinate**

Definition: stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or listen to others

Synonyms: stubborn, headstrong, wilful, unyielding, determined, fixed, adamant, persistent, tenacious, unmovable, intransigent, intractable, obdurate, unbending, pig-headed, strong-willed, recalcitrant, rigid

Antonyms: compliant, obedient, biddable, acquiescent, conforming

## **Culpable**

Definition: responsible for something negative

Synonyms: guilty, responsible, blameworthy, liable, at fault, in the wrong

Antonyms: innocent, blameless, guilt-free, clean

## **Tormented**

Definition: experiencing severe physical or mental suffering

Synonyms: tortured, plagued, distressed, haunted, anguished, troubled

Antonyms: placated, tranquil, pleased, calm

## Week Three

### Withered

Definition: shrunken or wrinkled, usually as a sign of age or disease

Synonyms: wasted, shrunken, wrinkled, weakened, declined, wilted, faded, waned, emaciated, thin, drooped, decayed, dwindled, dried up

Antonyms: thriving, flourishing, blooming, strong

### Malevolent

Definition: wishing to do harm to others

Synonyms: malicious, spiteful, sadistic, evil, malignant, venomous, poisonous, vindictive, pernicious, ill-natured, wicked

Antonyms: benevolent, kind, charitable, benign

### Enigmatic

Definition: something that is puzzling and raises questions

Synonyms: mysterious, puzzling, inscrutable, unfathomable, perplexing, inexplicable, secretive, shadowy, baffling

Antonyms: obvious, straightforward, clear, uncomplicated

## **Provocative**

Definition: causing a strong reaction (usually deliberately)

Synonyms: challenging, inflammatory, offensive, incendiary, stimulating, suggestive, seductive, enticing, vexing, goading, arousing, bewitching

Antonyms: pacifying, soothing, calming, peaceful

## **Eerie**

Definition: strange in a frightening and/or mysterious way

Synonyms: odd, strange, spooky, uncanny, creepy, weird, peculiar, unnatural, unnerving, disconcerting, sinister, abnormal

Antonyms: normal, everyday, safe, reassuring



### **Cynical**

Definition: doubtful and full of misgiving; believing the worst in people

Synonyms: pessimistic, scornful, derisive, contemptuous, streetwise, sceptical, unbelieving

Antonyms: gullible, naïve, respectful, trusting

### **Steadfast**

Definition: dutifully firm and unwavering

Synonyms: loyal, resolute, unwavering, unswerving, dedicated, trusty, dependable, faithful, reliable, constant

Antonyms: inconstant, wavering, undecided, disloyal, flaky, vacillating

### **Astute**

Definition: having an ability to accurately assess situations or people

Synonyms: shrewd, smart, intelligent, clever, perspicacious, sharp, perceptive, judicious, quick-witted, canny, insightful, acute

Antonyms: unwise, foolish, insensitive, obtuse

## **Scrupulous**

Definition: careful and attentive to detail; concerned to avoid wrongdoing

Synonyms: conscientious, careful, thorough, fastidious, upstanding, honourable, trustworthy, reliable, dependable, trusty, righteous, incorruptible

Antonyms: unscrupulous, dishonest, corrupt, slapdash

## **Ethereal**

Definition: seeming to be not of this world

Synonyms: ghostly, supernatural, heavenly, celestial, unearthly, sublime, otherworldly, eerie, airy, waiflike

Antonyms: earthly, tangible, worldly, palpable

### **Scornful**

Definition: feeling or expressing a sneering disrespect

Synonyms: contemptuous, derisive, disdainful, disapproving, disrespectful, mocking, scoffing

Antonyms: admiring, respectful, courteous, deferential

### **Noble**

Definition: having qualities of someone high standing

Synonyms: moral, upright, upstanding, virtuous, gallant, honourable, principled, sporting, aristocratic, princely, dignified, exalted

Antonyms: unethical, poor, dishonourable, immoral, corrupt

### **Philosophical**

Definition: able to apply learning and see the bigger picture

Synonyms: learned, theoretical, analytical, thoughtful, logical, rational, scholarly, erudite, deep-thinking, enlightened, wise, temperate

Antonyms: shallow, emotional, superficial, smallminded, thoughtless, unthinking

## **Gallant**

Definition: brave and chivalrous

Synonyms: brave, courageous, valiant, valorous, bold, honourable, noble, chivalrous, gentlemanly, courteous

Antonyms: cowardly, craven, rude, discourteous

## **Zealous**

Definition: filled with a strong and energetic desire to achieve something

Synonyms: fervent, passionate, committed, enthusiastic, wholehearted, intense, zestful, ardent, fanatical, obsessive, eager, vehement

Antonyms: apathetic, indifferent, uninterested, listless, unenthusiastic, lukewarm, half-hearted

### **Regal**

Definition: resembling or fit for a monarch

Synonyms: royal, majestic, grand, stately, sumptuous, opulent, posh, imperial, noble

Antonyms: lower class, proletarian, plebeian, grassroots

### **Just**

Definition: based on or behaving according to what is morally right and fair

Synonyms: fair, fair-minded, impartial, unbiased, non-partisan, even, equitable, upstanding, decent, ethical, moral, principled, righteous, honest, scrupulous, objective, non-discriminatory, proper, right, fitting

Antonyms: unjust, biased, unfair, partisan, prejudiced, one-sided, discriminatory

### **Ignorant**

Definition: lacking knowledge or awareness

Synonyms: uneducated, unenlightened, inexperienced, unsophisticated, uninformed, unaware, oblivious, unknowing, unwitting, unfamiliar, in the dark

Antonyms: educated, enlightened, experienced, sophisticated, informed, aware

## **Esteemed**

Definition: held in high regard

Synonyms: admired, well-regarded, respected, acclaimed, venerated, honoured, revered, prized, valued, appreciated

Antonyms: scorned, disdained, belittled, derided, disparaged

## **Munificent**

Definition: displaying great generosity

Synonyms: generous, bountiful, magnanimous, unstinting, handsome, lavish, open-handed, philanthropic, charitable, unsparing

Antonyms: mean, miserly, stingy, tight-fisted, parsimonious, unkind



