

The Giver by Lois Lowry - Key Vocabulary Glossary



Chapter 1	
citizen	(proper noun) – legally recognised subject or national of state Synonyms: national, subject
obediently	(adjective) – to comply with instructions Synonyms: willingly, loyally
apprehensive	(adjective) – to be worried about something Synonyms: fearful, anxious
Chapter 2	
enhance	(verb) – to improve or increase something Synonyms: develop, strengthen
nurturing	(verb) – protect and care for someone/something Synonyms: support, nourish
attentive	(adjective) – paying close attention to something Synonyms: interested, watchful
reassured	(verb) -feel happier and more secure about a situation Synonyms: confident, cheerful
Chapter 3	
chastisement	(noun) – to discipline or punish someone Synonyms: scold, discipline
recreation	(noun) – sports and leisure activities Synonyms: relaxation, hobby
mystified	(verb) – to feel confused Synonyms: baffle, puzzle
reflective	(adjective) – thinking deeply Synonyms: studious, pondering, deep in thought
Chapter 4	
steadied	(verb) – make secure, calm nerves Synonyms: support, stabilize
murmured	(verb) – whisper or speak very quietly Synonyms: breathed, muttered, whispered
Chapter 5	
ritual	(noun) – ceremony, sometimes religious Synonyms: rite, performance, ceremony
dwelling	(noun) – place to live Synonyms: house, accommodation, residence
Chapter 6	
emblem	(noun) – a symbolic object, a badge of a nation or organisation Synonyms: symbol, image, token
pledge	(noun) – make a promise, take an oath Synonyms: promise, commitment, oath
transgressions	(noun) – to do something against the law or society / to make a mistake Synonyms: error, misdeed
reluctantly	(adverb) – unwilling and hesitant Synonyms: cautious, slow, afraid
Chapter 7	
tribute	(noun)- an act that shows respect and thanks Synonyms: praise, salute

pampered	(verb) – spoiled, treated with luxury Synonyms: spoiled, indulged
retroactive	(adjective) – taking place from a time that has passed Synonyms: backdated
Chapter 8	
collective	(noun) – people acting as a group Synonyms: group, unit
attribute	(verb) – to assign or award to something Synonyms: hold responsible for, allocate
magnitude	(noun) of great importance and size Synonyms: vastness, largeness
flutter	(verb) – to move gently, like the wind or a breeze Synonyms: vibrating, flapping, quivering
Chapter 9	
designated	(verb) – allocate, or appoint someone to a position Synonyms: allocate, award
requisitioned	(verb) – to demand or order something Synonyms: request, order
unintentional	(adjective) – to do something without meaning to Synonyms: accidental, unthinking
excruciating	(adjective) – incredibly painful Synonyms: severe, intense, extreme
Chapter 10	
unremarkable	(adjective) – not very exciting or surprising Synonyms: ordinary, boring, everyday
governed	(verb) – government or state control, being in control of a group of people Synonyms: control, influence,
exhilarating	(verb) – feel very happy and joyful Synonyms: excited, delighted
Chapter 11	
perceived	(verb) – notice or become aware of something Synonyms: notice, see
shrugged	(verb) – move shoulders to show that you don't agree or don't believe something Synonyms: ignore, dismiss
weary	(adjective) – very tired and worn out Synonyms: exhausted, fatigued
Chapter 12	
significant	(adjective) – incredibly important and relevant Synonyms: important, outstanding, remarkable
renewed	(verb) – to repeat something or make something happen again Synonyms: repeated, recovered
wryly	(adverb) – to say something slightly rude or critical Synonyms: sarcastic, amusedly
fleeting	(verb) – when something happens for a very short time, for seconds Synonyms: briefly, momentarily
relinquished	(verb) – to give up something Synonyms: sacrifice, hand over
Chapter 13	
meticulous	(adjective) – very careful, particular, very tidy Synonyms: careful, accurate, thorough
Chapter 14	
instantaneous	(adjective) – happening straightway, immediately Synonyms: immediate, rapid
concept	(noun) – an idea, a thought Synonyms: plan, theory, image
vital	(adjective) – very important

	Synonyms: significant, critical
Chapter 15	
immobilized	(verb) – to stop someone or something from moving Synonyms: stop, deactivate, disable
implored	(verb) – to speak to someone and beg them to listen to or agree with you Synonyms: begging, encourage, insist
bridle	(noun) – headgear used to control a horse Synonyms: harness
anguish	(abstract noun) – deep sorrow or pain Synonyms: sadness, distraught, sorrowful
Chapter 16	
faltered	(verb) – stop because you are nervous or scared Synonyms: stop, hesitate
obsolete	(adjective) – no longer used or needed, out of date Synonyms: old-fashioned, no longer in use
Chapter 17	
emerged	(verb) – to appear from somewhere Synonyms: appear, come into view
pleaded	(verb) – to beg, or speak in a frightened way when persuading someone Synonyms: implore, argue
glum	(adjective) – feeling miserable or down Synonyms: unhappy, sad, disappointed
Chapter 18	
overwhelmed	(verb) - feeling like everything is too much to deal with Synonyms: swamped, over-burdened
notified	(verb) – told when something happens Synonyms: reported, informed
Chapter 19	
sensation	(noun) – to feel something strongly, to be aware of something Synonyms: perception, impression
Chapter 20	
efficient	(adjective) – very well-organised and structured Synonyms: logical, orderly
solemnly	(adverb) – to do or say something in a very serious and formal way Synonyms: seriously, gravely
remarkable	(adjective) – something that is amazing and outstanding Synonyms: impressive, miraculous
Chapter 21	
emphatically	(adverb) – communicate or say something in a forceful way Synonyms: forcefully, sharply
habitation	(noun) – to live in a place Synonyms: house, accommodation
Chapter 22	
wincing	(verb) – to move to show you are upset or annoyed Synonyms: flinch, draw back
cultivated	(verb) – use land for growing crops and planting vegetables and food Synonyms: farm, plough
Chapter 23	
imperceptibly	(adverb) – move or react in a way that someone else can hardly see you Synonyms: hardly, scarcely, barely
incision	(noun) – a cut made in skin or flesh, sometimes used in surgery and operations Synonyms: slit, cut
destination	(noun) – the final place someone is going to Synonyms: journey's end