Words from Jonas Jonasson's The *100 Year Old Man Who Climbed out the Window and Disappeared*

Avocabo Wordlist 100

AKVAVIT, AVERT, BENEFACTOR, BOURGEOIS, CENTENARIAN, CONVIVIAL, COUNTERMAND, DECREPIT, DEFECTION, DODDERY, EXALTED, EXPLETIVES, FORTUITOUS, GERIATRIC, MARTYR, METICULOUS, ORNERY, PROPRIETORS , QUAY, RUMINATED, SLUGGARD, SNIFTER, SQUANDERED, SUFFRAGE, UNCOUTH

Allan Karlsson is about to celebrate his hundredth birthday, and a birthday party is planned at his retirement home. Allan is alert despite his age, but he is not so interested in the party. Instead, he steps out the window and disappears. He gets hold of a suitcase of drug money and becomes chased by both drug dealers and the police.
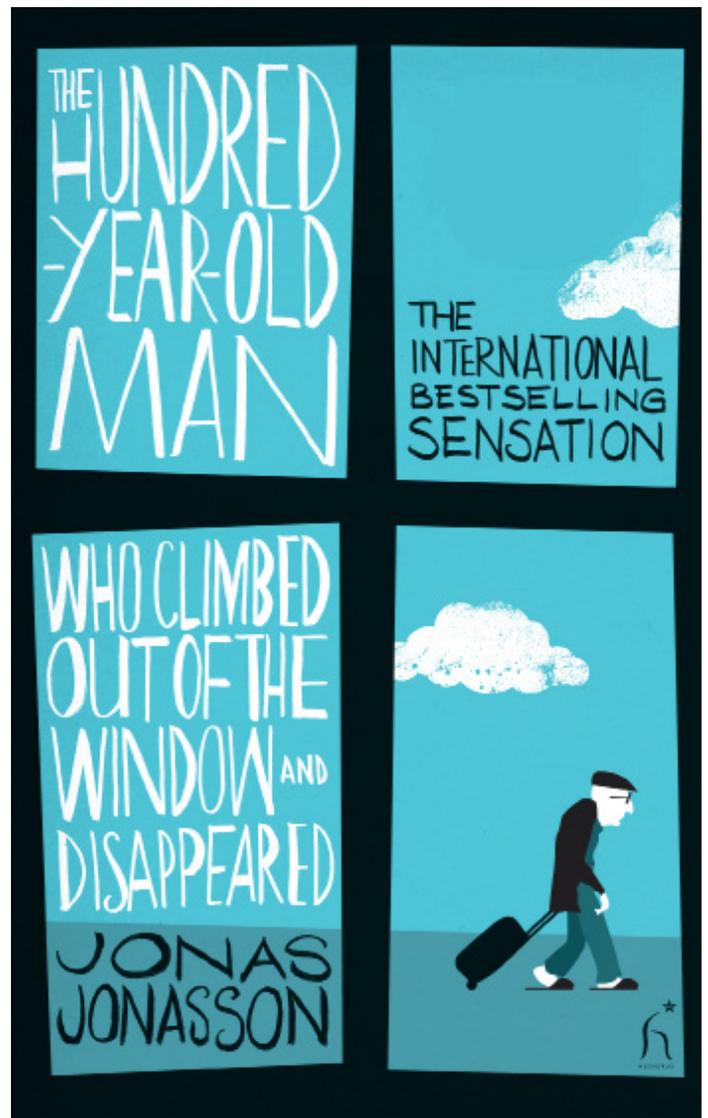
Allan's life story is filled with adventures: he eats dinner with the future President Harry S. Truman, hitchhikes with Winston Churchill, travels on a riverboat with the wife of Mao Zedong and walks across the Himalayas on foot.

Exercise 100-1: Fill in the Blanks: Definitions Match the best list word with its definition. *(25 marks)*

1. _____ adj. bad-tempered or combative

2. _____ n. an alcohol spirit made from potatoes or other starchy plants

3. _____ n. a footed glass that is wide at the bottom and tapers to the top, used for brandy and other drinks

4. _____ v. waste (something, especially money or time) in a reckless and foolish manner

5. _____ adj. friendly, enjoyable or pleasant atmosphere

6. _____ v. to turn away (someone's eyes or thoughts)

7. _____ n. a person who is one hundred or more years old

8. _____ adj. a characteristic of the middle class, typically with reference to its perceived materialistic values or conventional attitudes

9. _____ adj. happening by accident or chance rather than design

10. _____ n. the right to vote in a political election

11. _____ v. to revoke an order

12. _____ n. the desertion of one's country or cause in favor of an opposing one

13. _____ n. a person who is killed because of their religious or other beliefs

14. _____ n. a person who gives money or other to help a person or a cause

15. _____ adj. worn out or ruined by old age or neglect

16. _____ n. a lazy, sluggish person

17. _____ adj. (of a person or their appearance or behavior) lacking good manners, refinement, or grace

18. _____ adj. showing great attention to detail

19. _____ v. tremble or totter, typically because of old age

20. _____ n. a concrete, stone, or metal platform lying alongside or projecting into water for loading and unloading ships

21. _____ n. an old person, especially one receiving special care

22. _____ adj. (of a person's rank or status) placed at a high or powerful level

23. _____ v. to think deeply about something

24. _____ n. an oath or swear word

25. _____ n. the owner of a business or property

Exercise 100-2: Synonyms (10 marks)
Circle the closest synonym to the given word.

___ Feeble	a. benefactor
___ Discourteous	b. decrepit
___ Jovial	c. ruminate
___ Philanthropist	d. defection
___ Elevated	e. exalted
___ Cogitate	f. convivial
___ Deter	g. uncouth
___ Fluke	h. countermand
___ Possessor	i. proprietor
___ Disloyalty	j. dodder
	k. avert

Exercise 100-3: Discriminating Appropriate vs Inappropriate Usage Indicate whether the bold list word has been used appropriately ☑ or inappropriately ☒. *(10 marks)*

☑ ☒ 1. He is unwashed, uncouth, and drunk most of the time.

☑ ☒ 2 The way the old man walked was very geriatric.

☑ ☒ 3. The rich and bourgeois family disapproved.

☑ ☒ 4. He filled the snifter with the brandy of his choice.

☑ ☒ 5. At Bridlington Quay there is excellent sea-bathing, and the parade and ornamental gardens provide pleasant promenades.

☑ ☒ 6. I countermand you to ambush the building!

☑ ☒ 7. Since the quarterback did not want his entire team to suffer for the loss, he acted as a martyr and accepted full blame for the defeat.

☑ ☒ 8. He was so meticulous that he checked over his work five times.

☑ ☒ 9. She was a very expletive person; every other word was a curse word.

☑ ☒ 10. It was a very convivial atmosphere with welcoming faces and a festive spirit.

Exercise 100-2: Fill-in-the-Blanks You may have to change the tense of the word (12 marks)

1. He went off to Stockholm and within two years had _____ all of his money.

2. When he suggested having one final _____ after dessert, the old man couldn't resist.

3. And a whole stream of death threats directed at the driver's relatives spewed out of the young man's mouth, designed to _____ any possible thought of the driver contacting the police.

4. The crowbar, on the other hand, was a bit too heavy for the _____ to lift.

5. But he described the events—his _____ from the home, his spontaneous seizure of the suitcase at the station in Malmköping, and the fear at the back of his mind that the young man who now lay unconscious on the floor would probably quickly catch up with him.

6. The day before, his mother had marched in the May Day procession in Flen and demonstrated on behalf of women's _____ an eight-hour working day.

7. Since he didn't join the ranks of the labour movement he was despised by socialists, while he was far too working class to be allowed a place in any _____ gathering.

8. At any moment there could be ten new young men standing there arguing in the kitchen, each one as _____ as the one who was done shouting.

9. They surely have been hooked if that _____ Aronsson had managed to dig up a kidnapping story earlier.

10. Esteban was so _____ by the trust placed in him that he got up onto rock, grabbed his rifle in his left hand, raised it in the air and shouted: 'Death to fascism, death to all…'

11. While the company commander sat in his foldable military field chair and _____ upon whether Allan's immediate future was employment or execution, a platoon leader whispered in his ear about the young Swede's knowledge in explosives.

12. From Lisbon, boats left in every direction imaginable, it turned out. Allan stood on the _____ and thought about which he'd take.

Exercise 100-5: Create five (5) sentences, using two list words correctly in each. *(20 marks)*

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Exercise 100-6: Unscramble the anagrams below to yield list words. *(10 marks)*

1. _____ *Glad rugs*
2. _____ *Ancient Earn*
3. _____ *Carbon Feet*
4. _____ *Rye nor*
5. _____ *Qua nerds*
6. _____ *Ears Guff*
7. _____ *Custom Lieu*
8. _____ *Iced Pert*
9. _____ *Dyed Rod*
10. _____ *Lee Vex Tip*

Bonus: What is Allan Karlson's profession in the novel?

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Avocabo Unit 100: Answers:

Exercise 1*:*
*1. Ornery, 2. Akvavit, 3. Snifter, 4. Squander, 5. Convivial, 6.
Avert, 7. Centenarian, 8. Bourgeois, 9. Fortuitous, 10. Suffrage,
11. Countermand, 12. Defection, 13. Martyr, 14. Benefactor, 15.
Decrepit, 16. Sluggard, 17. Uncouth, 18. Meticulous, 19. Dodder,
20. Quay, 21. Geriatric, 22. Exalted, 23. Ruminate, 24. Expletive,
25. Ornery*

Exercise 2*:*
1. b, 2. g, 3. f, 4. a, 5. e, 6. c, 7. k, 8. l, 9. i, 10. d

Exercise 3*:*
1. A, 2. I, 3. A, 4. A, 5. A, 6. I, 7. A, 8. A, 9. I, 10. A

Exercise 4*:*
*1. Squandered, 2. Snifter, 3. Avert, 4. Centenarian, 5. Defection,
6. Suffrage, 7. Bourgeois, 8. Ornery, 9. Sluggard, 10. Exalted, 11.
Ruminated, 12. Quay*

Exercise 5*:*
*1. Sluggard, 2. Centenarian, 3. Benefactor, 4. Ornery, 5. Squander,
6. Suffrage, 7. Meticulous, 8. Decrepit, 9. Doddery, 10. Expletive*

Bonus Answer: Explosives Expert

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