

Words from William Golding's *Lord of the Flies*

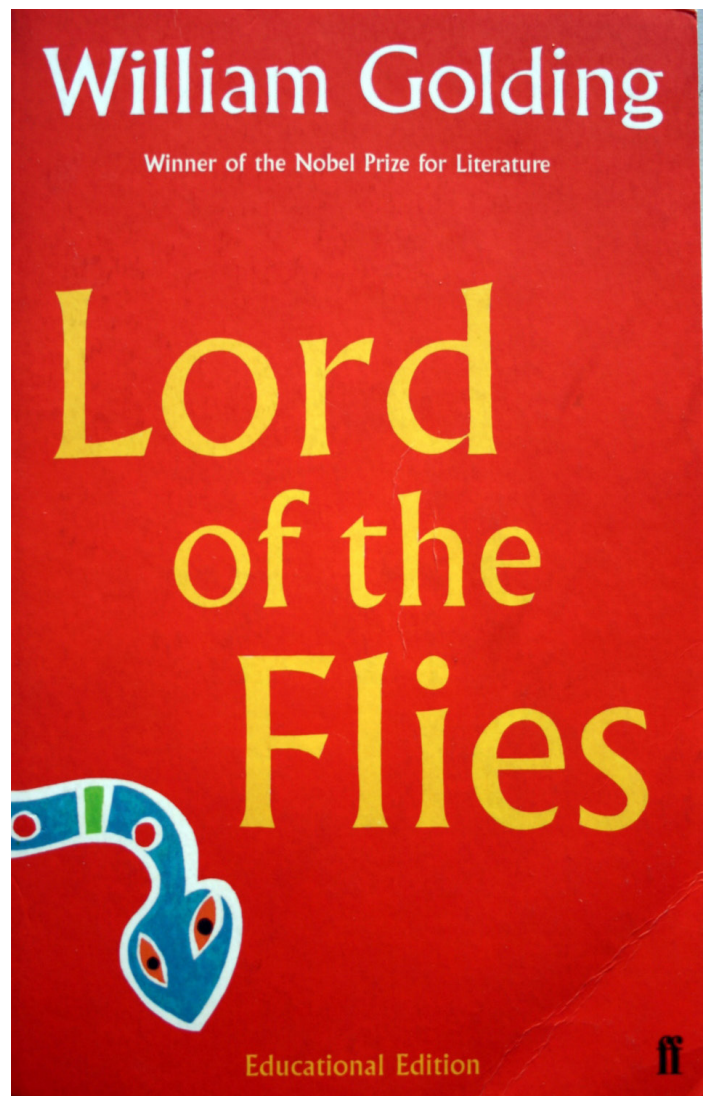
Avocabo Wordlist 85

BASTION, CORPULENT, DERISION, EFFLORESCENCE, EFFULGENCE, EMBROIL, ENSCONCE, EPAULETTES, FERVOR, FULCRUM, IMMURE, INIMICAL, LEVIATHAN, MYOPIA, OFFICIOUS, PROPITIATING, SPECIOUS, TALISMAN, TUMULT, VICISSITUDES

Lord of the Flies is a 1954 dystopian novel by Nobel Prize-winning English author William Golding about a group of British boys stuck on an uninhabited island who try to govern themselves with disastrous results."

Exercise 8X-1: Familiarize yourself with the definitions of the list words derived from Golding's novel.

1. fulcrum - n. *the fixed point around which a lever pivots*
2. efflorescence - n. *blooming of flowers, state of flowering*
3. specious - adj. *plausible but false*
4. effulgence - n. *the quality of being bright and sending out rays of light*
5. immure - v. *to enclose or confine within walls; to imprison; to seclude or isolate*
6. bastion - n. *a fortified place, stronghold*
7. officious - adj. *intrusive in a meddling or offensive manner*
8. tumult - n. *noisy excitement; an uproar or disturbance*
9. vicissitudes - n. *a change or variation; unexpected changes in life*
10. embroil - v. *force into some kind of situation, condition, or course of action*
11. leviathan - n. *monstrous sea creature symbolizing evil in the Old Testament*
12. fervor - n. *feelings of great warmth and intensity*
13. corpulent - adj. *excessively fat*
14. derision - n. *in a contemptuous manner*
15. myopia - n. *nearsightedness*
16. propitiating - v. *appealingly; in order to regain favor*
17. talisman - n. *an object that serves as a charm or is believed to confer magical powers*
18. inimical - adj. *not friendly*
19. ensconce - v. *conceal or fix firmly*
20. epaulettes - n. *a fringed strap worn on military uniforms*



William Golding was the recipient of the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1983. The Nobel Prize website has several features honouring the writer, including a *Lord of the Flies* game that will challenge your knowledge of the novel:

<http://www.nobelprize.org/educational/literature/golding/lof.html>

Exercise 85-2: *The Etymology of Names. Match the names on the left with their closest meaning on the right. (5 Marks)*

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| ___ Roger | 1) Hebrew "one who supplants". |
| ___ Jack | 2) the name can be associated with the wild pigs that are hunted on the island. |
| ___ Ralph | 3) he name comes from the Hebrew word "listener" |
| meaning | 4) Anglo-Saxon, meaning "counsel". |
| ___ Piggy | 5) the name is Germanic in origin and means "spear". |
| ___ Simon | |

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Exercise 85-3: *Fill-in-the-blanks.* Complete each sentence from the novel with the best list word. (12 Marks)

1. _____ in these tangles, at perhaps their most difficult moment, Ralph turned with shining eyes to the others.
2. It was clear to the bottom and bright with the _____ of tropical weed and coral.
3. Ralph used one hand as a _____ and pressed down with the other till the shell rose, dripping, and Piggy could make a grab.
4. Then the sleeping _____ breathed out, the waters rose, the weed streamed, and the water boiled over the table rock with a roar.
5. Piggy, finding himself uncomfortably _____, slid the conch to Ralph's knees and sat down.
6. Ralph had been deceived before now by the _____ appearance of depth in a beach pool and he approached this one preparing to be disappointed.
7. Jack stood there, streaming with sweat, streaked with brown earth, stained by all the _____ of a day's hunting.
8. With that word the heat seemed to increase till it became a threatening weight and the lagoon attacked them with a blinding _____.
9. Piggy, finding himself uncomfortably _____, slid the conch to Ralph's knees and sat down.
10. He paused in the _____, standing, looking beyond them and down the unfriendly side of the mountain to the great patch where they had found dead wood.
11. Then as the blue material of the parachute collapsed the _____ figure would bow forward, sighing...

12. Piggy once more was the center of social _____ so that everyone felt cheerful and normal.

Exercise 85-3: *Fill-in-the-blanks.* Fill In The Chart with synonyms and antonyms of the list words:

<i>list word</i>	<i>synonym</i>	<i>antonym</i>
officious		
tumult		
derision		
propitiating		
embroil		
myopia		
inimical		
corpulent		
immure		
ensconce		

Exercise 85-3: *Fill-in-the-blanks.* Circle or depending on whether the bolded word is used correctly in the sentence. If the word is used incorrectly, then provide an example of a sentence using the word correctly in the space provided.

1. The reasoning is utterly **specious**, but it appears that Kraft got away with it last week.

2. They would not welcome any **officious** interference from the police.

3. Since the student did not study for his exam, he ended up doing very **bastion** on it and ended up failing the course.

4. The fans and crowd were really bored of the game and yawned in **tumult**.

5. He spoke with great **fevor** about his accomplishments in the face of adversity.

6. It was apparent that my characters were going to suffer **vicissitudes** even greater than those in my previous novels.

7. There will be no conquering hero to deliver us from the corporate **leviathan**.

8. He **propitiatingly** insulted everyone in the room before storming out in anger.

Exercise 85-3: Word Jumbles

Unscramble the anagrams below to produce a list word.

1. _____ NATAL HIVE
2. _____ SCENE CON
3. _____ ICED VISITS US
4. _____ CORN LETUP
5. _____ COIF IF SOU
6. _____ FLEECE CONFERS
7. _____ UPSTATE EEL
8. _____ AIRING TIPTOP
9. _____ LAMA SNIT
10. _____ CLAIM I IN

Exercise 85-4: Mapping the Island

After reading the book and playing the game (*see our link on page 1*), draw a picture or map of the island, ensuring to include: a. The platform, b. Beach/Sand Castles, c. Site of the Plane Crash; e. Mountain; f. Big Rocks (Pink); g. Darker Forest; h. Lighter Forest; i: The Fire; j. The Huts; k. The Pigs Holes

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