1. **witticisms** – witty remarks or jokes
2. **dawdle** – wasted time, moved slowly

3. **autopsy** – inspection and dissection of a body after death, as for determination of the cause of death

4. **raucous** – in harsh, rowdy manner

5. **impenetrable** – not penetrable; that cannot be penetrated, pierced, entered, etc.

6. **coroner** – an officer of the county whose chief function is to investigate any death not clearly resulting from natural causes.

7. **whittle** – to cut, trim, or shape (a stick, piece of wood, etc.) by carving off bits with a knife

8. **ruffians** – tough, unlawful persons

9. **enraptured** – fascinated, entranced, and captivated

10. **domestic** – pertaining to the home or to the household

11. **economical** – sparing; avoiding waste or extravagance
1. **brusquely** – energetically; in a lively manner

2. **forensic** – relating to the use of science or technology in the investigation and establishment of facts or evidence in a court of law

3. **civilly** – peacefully, without making trouble

4. **regenerated** – reproduced; recreated; restored

5. **skeptical** – in a doubtful manner; suspiciously

6. **diversion** – something that distracts the mind or attention

7. **intricate** – complex or complicated; elaborate; fancy
1. **derivative** – copied or adapted from others; not original
2. **chauffeur** – a person employed to drive a private automobile or limousine for the owner

3. **etiquette** – conventional requirements as to social behavior; a set of rules that are established in any class or community or for any occasion

4. **vile** – disgusting; highly offensive, unpleasant, or objectionable

5. **fugitive** – a person who is fleeing from prosecution, intolerable circumstances etc.; a runaway

6. **indignant** – a feeling, or expressing strong displeasure with something considered offensive, insulting

7. **cloak** – a loose outer garment, such as a cape or shawl

8. **stampede** – a sudden, rush of a hear of frightened animals, especially cattle or horses

9. **Kansas-Nebraska Compromise** – this compromise gave Kansas and Nebraska the right to choose if they wanted to be a slave or free state. It was hoped to reduce tensions and perhaps provide a solution to the slavery issue in the United States, but it lead to increased violence over slavery.
1. **avidly** – excitedly; enthusiastically

2. **incorrigible** – hopeless; bad beyond correction or reform

3. **quinine** – a medicine used chiefly in the treatment of resistant forms of malaria

4. **carcass** – the dead body of an animal

5. **ague** – a fever marked by periods of chill, fever, and sweating

6. **feigned** – pretended; faked

7. **raiment** – clothing apparel; attire
1. jaundiced – yellow or yellowish discoloration of the skin, whites of the eyes etc., due to an increase of bile pigments in the blood.
2. gangrene – a serious infection leading to the death of body tissue
3. quest – a search made to achieve a goal
4. barbarian – an uncivilized or crude person
5. corn dodgers – oval cakes made of cornbread and fried hard in a skillet (hush puppy).
6. dominion – power or control over something
7. ulcerations – secretions of sores; abscesses
8. abolitionist – a person who supported the ending of slavery in the United States.
1. **chromatograph** – a piece of equipment that separates mixtures for analysis
2. **covetous** – wanting something or someone’s belongings in a jealous or envious manner
3. **demoralizing** – discouraging; upsetting; disheartening
4. **catapult** – to fling into the air with great force; launch
5. **discreet** – cautious; careful; watchful
6. **degeneration** – process in which a tissue deteriorates or weakens
7. **snidely** – in a hasty; superior manner