Vocabulary List for *Letters from the Lighthouse* by Emma Carroll

Chapter Vocabulary

Word	Definition	Example Sentence
Evacuee	A person moved from a dangerous place to safety, especially during war	Olive became an evacuee during World War II.
Blackout	When all lights are turned off or covered to avoid enemy detection	The family closed the curtains for the blackout.
Rationing	Controlling the amount of food or supplies people can buy	Sugar and butter were limited because of rationing.
Billeting	Housing soldiers or evacuees in private homes	The children were nervous about billeting with strangers.
Lighthouse	A tower with a bright light used to guide ships	The lighthouse shone across the sea at night.
Beacon	A guiding or warning light	The beacon helped ships avoid rocks.
Morse Code	A system of dots and dashes used to send messages	The signal was sent using Morse code.
Suspicious	Feeling that something may be wrong or dangerous	Olive became suspicious of the strange visitor.
Refugee	Someone forced to leave their home because of danger	Many refugees escaped the war.
Air Raid	An attack by aircraft dropping bombs	The sirens warned everyone of an air raid.
Shelter	A safe place for protection	Families hid in the shelter during bombing.
Companion	A person who spends time with another	Cliff became Olive's loyal companion.
Isolated	Far away from others; alone	The lighthouse stood in an isolated place.
Grim	Serious, gloomy, or worrying	The news from London sounded grim.
Courage	The ability to face danger bravely	Olive showed courage during difficult times.
Determined	Having a strong decision to do something	She was determined to find her sister.

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Reluctant	Unwilling or hesitant	Olive was reluctant to trust strangers.
Secretive	Keeping secrets or hiding information	The lighthouse keeper seemed secretive.
Scarce	Hard to find or limited in amount	Food became scarce during the war.
Resilient	Able to recover quickly from difficulties	The children stayed resilient despite the challenges.
Tremor	A slight shaking movement	A tremor shook the windows after the explosion.
Signal	A sign or message used to communicate	The flashing light was a signal from the coast.
Horizon	The line where the sky meets the earth or sea	The ship disappeared over the horizon.
Peril	Serious danger	The characters faced great peril during the war.
Loyalty	Strong support or faithfulness	Olive admired Cliff's loyalty.
Desolate	Empty, lonely, and sad	The beach looked desolate after the storm.
Debris	Scattered broken pieces left after destruction	Debris covered the streets after the bombing.
Uneasy	Worried or uncomfortable	Olive felt uneasy about the mysterious messages.
Stowaway	A person who hides on a vehicle to travel secretly	The children discovered a stowaway near the harbor.
Resolve	Firm determination	Olive's resolve helped her continue searching for answers.

Additional Vocabulary Words

Word	Definition	Example Sentence
Blubbing	Crying noisily and uncontrollably	The child was blubbing after hearing the bad news.
Jitterbug	A lively dance popular in the 1930s and 1940s	Music from the radio made everyone want to jitterbug.
Nerve-wracking	Causing stress or anxiety	Waiting for news during the war was nerve-wracking.
Prejudice	An unfair opinion about someone before knowing them	The story shows how prejudice can affect people's lives.

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Kindertransport	The rescue effort that brought children to safety before World War II	Many children escaped danger through the Kindertransport.
Outstretched	Extended to full length	Olive held out her outstretched hand to help him up.
Qualms	Feelings of doubt or worry	She had qualms about keeping the secret.
Muzzle	The mouth or nose of an animal, or a covering placed over it	The dog's muzzle twitched as it sniffed the air.
Navigate	To find or direct a route	The lighthouse helped sailors navigate the coast safely.
Oilskins	Waterproof clothing worn at sea	The fishermen wore oilskins during the storm.
Queasy	Feeling sick or uneasy	The rough sea made Olive feel queasy.
Shrill	High-pitched and piercing	A shrill whistle echoed across the harbor.
Snag	A hidden obstacle or problem	Their plan hit a snag when the tide changed.
Strewn	Scattered untidily over an area	Broken branches were strewn across the beach.
Unlatched	Opened by lifting or releasing a latch	Olive quietly unlatched the gate.
Walloped	Hit very hard	The waves walloped against the rocks during the storm.
Rupture	A break or burst suddenly	The pipe caused a rupture in the wall.
Sheepishly	In an embarrassed or awkward way	He smiled sheepishly after making the mistake.
Slacken	To become slower, looser, or less active	The wind began to slacken by evening.
Glammed up	Dressed in a glamorous or stylish way	The dancers were all glammed up for the celebration.
Gawp	To stare openly in a rude or foolish way	The tourists stopped to gawp at the enormous ship.
Liberty	Freedom to act or think as one chooses	The war reminded people how precious liberty is.
Old curmudgeon	A grumpy or bad-tempered old person	The lighthouse keeper seemed like an old curmudgeon at first.

World War II Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Blitz	German bombing attacks on British cities during World War II
Siren	A loud warning sound used during emergencies
Gas Mask	Protective equipment worn in case of gas attacks
Warden	A person responsible for public safety during wartime
Allied Forces	Countries fighting together against Germany and its allies
Evacuation	The process of moving people from danger to safety
Occupation	Control of a country by foreign military forces
Camouflage	Hiding people or objects by making them blend in