Vocabulary List for *Macbeth*

Main Vocabulary

Word	Definition	Example Sentence
Ambition	A strong desire to achieve something	Macbeth's ambition led him into trouble.
Prophecy	A prediction about the future	The witches made a strange prophecy.
Thane	A Scottish lord or nobleman	Macbeth became Thane of Cawdor.
Betrayal	Hurting someone's trust	Macbeth's betrayal shocked Duncan.
Murder	The unlawful killing of someone	Macbeth committed murder to gain power.
Guilt	Feeling bad for doing something wrong	Lady Macbeth struggled with guilt.
Tyrant	A cruel and unfair ruler	Macbeth became a tyrant king.
Conscience	The feeling that tells right from wrong	Macbeth's conscience troubled him.
Treachery	Betrayal or deceit	The kingdom suffered because of treachery.
Revenge	Hurting someone back for wrongdoing	Macduff wanted revenge on Macbeth.
Fate	Events believed to be decided already	Macbeth believed fate controlled his future.
Deceive	To trick someone	Lady Macbeth tried to deceive the guards.
Vision	Something imagined or seen in the mind	Macbeth saw a frightening vision.
Dagger	A short knife	Macbeth imagined a dagger before him.
Banquet	A large feast or celebration	The ghost appeared at the banquet.

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Apparition	A supernatural appearance of a ghost or a phantom	The apparition appeared in Front of Macbeth.

Descriptive Vocabulary

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Sinister	Giving the feeling something bad will happen	The witches had a sinister appearance.
Gloomy	Dark and sad	The castle felt gloomy at night.
Fierce	Strong and violent	A fierce battle took place.
Noble	Honest and honourable	Duncan was a noble king.
Ruthless	Cruel and showing no pity	Macbeth became ruthless after gaining power.
Haunted	Troubled by memories or ghosts	Macbeth felt haunted by his crimes.
Mysterious	Strange or difficult to understand	The witches spoke in mysterious riddles.
Desperate	Feeling hopeless or in great need	Macbeth grew desperate to stay king.
Manipulative	Controlling or influencing people in a clever or unfair way.	Lady Macbeth was manipulative.
Deceitful	Hiding the truth, or pretending to be someone you are not.	Macbeth was deceitful when he pretended to be loyal while planning to kill King Duncan.
Ominous	Giving the impression that something bad or unpleasant is going to happen.	An ominous feeling filled the air when Macbeth saw the witches on the dark heath.
Eerie	Strange, mysterious, and frightening	The castle felt eerie at night after the murder, with shadows and silence everywhere.
Tyrannical	Exercising power in a cruel, harsh, or unfair way.	Macbeth became a tyrannical ruler, forcing fear on the people instead of ruling fairly.

Action Words

Word	Definition	Example Sentence
Plot	To secretly plan something harmful	Lady Macbeth helped plot the murder.
Stab	To wound with a knife	Macbeth stabbed Duncan in his sleep.
Whisper	To speak very quietly	The witches whispered strange words.
Tremble	To shake with fear	Macbeth began to tremble with worry.
Betray	To be disloyal to someone	Macbeth betrayed his king.
Rule	To govern a country	Macbeth wanted to rule Scotland.
Flee	To run away from danger	Malcolm decided to flee the country.

Feelings Vocabulary

Word	Definition	Example Sentence
Ruthless	Not caring about hurting others	Macbeth acted ruthless when he ordered more murders.
Disturbed	Feeling upset or mentally uneasy	Macbeth was disturbed by visions of Banquo's ghost.
Confident	Feeling sure of yourself	At first, Macbeth felt confident after becoming king.
Regretful	Feeling sorry about something you did	Macbeth became regretful but could not undo his actions.
Overwhelmed	Feeling like something is too much to handle	Lady Macbeth became overwhelmed by guilt and fear.
Insecure	Lacking confidence or feeling unsure	Macbeth became insecure about his power.