

The Tell-Tale Heart – Vocabulary

Beside each word is the paragraph number to help locate the word in your text. You need to place the definitions on your text (in the far right column).

1. acute - ¶1 –intense; made better or more precise
2. conceived - ¶2 – created or formed in the brain
3. vulture - ¶2- a bird known for eating dead; preys on others
4. dissimulation - ¶3 to hide one’s true thoughts
5. cunningly -¶3 – clever with deceit
6. vexed - ¶3 – annoyed; bothered
7. profound - ¶3 - thoughtful; intelligent
8. sagacity - ¶4 – wisdom; intelligence
9. suppositions - ¶7 – ideas, notions
10. crevice - ¶8 – a small crack; narrow opening
11. tattoo - ¶11 – a rhythmic tapping
12. waned - ¶12 – decreased; to become shorter
13. dismembered - ¶12 – to take limbs off of a body; cut up
14. scantlings - ¶13 – lumber floor rafters
15. suavity - ¶14 – having good manners
16. deputed - ¶14 - instructed
17. audacity - ¶15 – to take a bold risk; fearless
18. vehemently - ¶17 - forceful

19. trifles - ¶17 – of little value

20. gesticulations - ¶17 – dramatic gestures

21. derision - ¶17 – to make fun of; ridicule

22. dissemble - ¶18 – to hide one's true thoughts; false appearance