

The Red Badge of Courage: Vocabulary List #2 (Ch. 8-12)

	Word	Example in book	Definition	P.O.S.	Picture/Sentence
1.	ague	<i>Then it was shaken by a prolonged ague. (Ch. 9)</i>	malaria or some other illness involving fever and shivering; a fever or shivering fit.	N	
2.	bleat	<i>In reply the youth climbed a fence and started away. He could hear the tattered man bleating plaintively. (Ch. 10)</i>	-(of a sheep, goat, or calf) make a characteristic wavering cry. - speak or complain in a weak, querulous, or foolish way. - the wavering cry made by a sheep, goat, or calf. - a person's weak or plaintive cry. -a complaint.	V N	
3.	doggerel	<i>As he marched he sang a bit of doggerel in a high and quavering voice (Ch. 8)</i>	-comic verse composed in irregular rhythm; verse or words that are badly written or expressed.	N	
4.	compunction	<i>He of course felt no compunctions for proposing a general as a sacrifice. (Ch. 11)</i>	-a feeling of guilt or moral scruple that prevents or follows the doing of something bad.	N	
5.	denounce	<i>He denounced himself as a villain. (Ch. 11)</i>	-publicly declare to be wrong or evil.	V	
6.	derisive	<i>Then, as if the heads were moved by one muscle, all the faces were turned toward him with wide, derisive grins. (Ch. 11)</i>	-expressing contempt or ridicule.	ADJ	
7.	languid	<i>A warm and strong hand clasped the youth's languid fingers for an instant, and then he heard a cheerful and audacious whistling as the man strode away. (Ch.12)</i>	-(of a person, manner, or gesture) displaying or having a disinclination for physical exertion or effort; slow and relaxed. - weak or faint from illness or fatigue.	ADJ	
8.	formidable	<i>He was not cast down by this defeat of his plan, for, upon studying the affair carefully, he could not but admit that</i>	- inspiring fear or respect through being impressively large, powerful, intense, or capable.	ADJ	

		<i>the objections were very formidable. (Ch. 11)</i>			
9.	pallor	<i>Sometimes he would achieve a position half erect, battle with the air for a moment, and then fall again, grabbing at the grass. His face was of a clammy pallor. (Ch. 12)</i>	- an unhealthy pale appearance.	N	
10.	perfunctory	<i>It suddenly occurred to the youth that the fight in which he had been was, after all, but perfunctory popping. (Ch. 8)</i>	- (of an action or gesture) carried out with a minimum of effort or reflection.	ADJ	
11.	philippic	<i>The youth turned, with sudden, livid rage, toward the battlefield. He shook his fist. He seemed about to deliver a philippic. (Ch. 9)</i>	- a bitter attack or denunciation, especially a verbal one.	N	
12.	plaintively	<i>In reply the youth climbed a fence and started away. He could hear the tattered man bleating plaintively. (Ch. 10)</i>	-in a way that sounds sad or mournful	ADV	
13.	remonstrance	<i>They belched and howled like brass devils guarding a gate. The soft air was filled with the tremendous remonstrance. (Ch. 12)</i>	- a forcefully reproachful protest.	N	
14.	sardonic	<i>The sergeant, taking note of this, gave pause to his elaborate history while he administered a sardonic comment. (Ch. 8)</i>	- grimly mocking or cynical.	ADJ	
15.	semblance	<i>His face turned to a semblance of gray paste (Ch. 9)</i>	- the outward appearance or apparent form of something, especially when the reality is different.	N	

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16.	sinuous	<i>Avoiding the obstructions gave it the sinuous movement of a serpent. (Ch. 11)</i>	- having many curves and turns. - lithe and supple.	ADJ	
17.	spectral	<i>The shoulder of one of the tramping bearers knocked heavily against the spectral soldier who was staring into the unknown. (Ch. 8)</i>	- of or like a ghost.	ADJ	
18.	stupendous	<i>As he hastened, there passed through his mind pictures of stupendous conflicts. (Ch. 8)</i>	- extremely impressive.	ADJ	
19.	ungainly	<i>They fled like soft, ungainly animals. (Ch. 11)</i>	- (of a person or movement) awkward; clumsy.	ADJ	
20.	Vindication	<i>There was an amount of pleasure to him in watching the wild march of this vindication. (Ch. 11)</i>	-the action of clearing someone of blame or suspicion; proof that someone or something is right, reasonable, or justified.	N	