

The Outsiders Vocabulary

Chapter 1:

- ***madras**: cotton, plaid material (for clothing)
- ***cowlick**: an unruly tuft of hair
- ***unfathomable**: difficult or impossible to understand

Chapter 2:

- hastily: quickly, without much thought
- roguishly: playfully mischievous; devilishly
- ***incredulous**: skeptical; disbelieving

Chapter 3:

- ***gallant(ly)**: brave; courageous; dashing
- ***aloof(ness)**: indifference; emotional distance
- ***elite**: privileged; the best of a class

Chapter 4:

- apprehensive: anxious or fearful about the future
- defiance: bold resistance (to authority)
- contemptuously: disrespectfully; scornfully

Chapter 5:

- ***reluctant(ly)**: unwilling(ly)
- ***eluded**: failed to be remembered or understood; escaped from memory
- ***fiend**: an addict

Chapter 6:

- ***keeled**: to fall or faint
- ***towheaded**: having light, almost white blonde hair

Chapter 7:

- ***mimicked**: copied someone's speech
- ***juvenile delinquent**: a juvenile (kid) guilty of criminal behavior; troublemaker
- ***aghast**: struck with fear

Chapter 8:

- ***faltered**: paused uncertainly
- ***diverted**: to deliberately take someone's attention from something by making them think about or notice other things
- dogged(ly): with stubborn determination

Chapter 9:

- ***"spruced up"**: dressed in fancy or formal clothing
- ***grimaced**: twisted your face in an ugly way because you don't like something, you're in pain, or you're trying to be funny
- stifle: to stop something from happening

Chapter 10:

- ***stupor**: a state in which you cannot think, speak, see, or hear clearly
- ***delirious**: sudden, severe confusion
- ***reckless**: not caring or worrying about the possible bad or dangerous results of your actions

Chapters 11-12:

- ***bewildered**: totally confused
- ***acquitted**: court states that someone is not guilty of a crime
- ***composition**: a piece of writing

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