

# *Wuthering Heights*

## *Vocabulary*

### **Vehemently**

showing strong feeling; forceful, passionate, or intense

➤ "So resolved, I grasped the latch and shook it **vehemently**" (Bronte 13).

➤ <http://blog.aarp.org/2013/02/06/obama-gop-disagree-again-on-spending/>

### **Pinafore**

➤ *A sleeveless apron like garment worn over a child's dress*

"I had just fastened our **pinafores** together, and hung them up for a curtain, when in comes Joseph, on an errand from the stables" (Bronte 31).

➤ <http://roughlinen.com/pinafore.html>

## Recompense

Make amends to or reward someone for loss, harm, or effort

☞ "Inquiries were made as to how it got there; I as obliged to confess, and in recompense for my cowardice and inhumanity was sent out of the house" (Bronte 54).

☞ <http://www.dw.de/vattenfall-seeks-recompense-for-german-nuclear-phaseout/a-16473507>

## Vexed

annoyed, frustrated, or worried

☞ "A nothing vexed him; and suspected slights of his authority nearly threw him into fits" (Bronte 58).

☞ [http://www.nytimes.com/2012/09/09/us/hearsay-rule-vexed-illinois-jurors-in-drew-peterson-murder-case.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2012/09/09/us/hearsay-rule-vexed-illinois-jurors-in-drew-peterson-murder-case.html?_r=0)

## Bonniest

most attractive, beautiful

☞ "... my lad,' I continued, 'if you were a regular black; and a bad one will turn the bonniest into something worse than ugly" (Bronte 81).

☞ [http://www.bbc.co.uk/arts/robertburns/works/the\\_bonniest\\_lass/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/arts/robertburns/works/the_bonniest_lass/)

Bairn

a child

"I think he swore: but I didn't mind him, I was straining to see the **bairn,**' and she began again to describe it rapturously" (Bronte 92).

➤ <http://www.guardian.co.uk/notesandqueries/query/0,5753,-25895,00.html>

Assiduously

*Showing great care or perseverance*

➤ "I'm sorry for it, Miss Catherine,' was my response; and I proceeded **assiduously** with my occupation" (Bronte 102).

➤ <http://www.freefictionbooks.org/books/j/17388-a-journey-from-this-world-to-the-next--volume-2?start=39>

Perilous

*Full of danger or risk*

➤ "perilous illness; as she was never subject to depression of spirits before" (Bronte 136).

➤ [http://www.infobarrel.com/Perilous\\_Thoughts\\_-\\_Accepting\\_and\\_Embracing\\_Your\\_Dark\\_Side](http://www.infobarrel.com/Perilous_Thoughts_-_Accepting_and_Embracing_Your_Dark_Side)

## Malign

Evil in nature or effect; malevolent

➤ "... and distorted his baby features not a shocking expression of **malignity**" (Bronte 162).

➤ [http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2011-11-14/news/30397498\\_1\\_nsd-issue-affidavit-sebi-board](http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2011-11-14/news/30397498_1_nsd-issue-affidavit-sebi-board)

## Paroxysm

A sudden attack or violent expression of a particular emotion or activity

➤ "memory burst in: my late anguish was swallowed in a **paroxysm** of despair" (Bronte 186).

➤ [http://youtu.be/IWKhX6IX\\_ag](http://youtu.be/IWKhX6IX_ag)

## Sanguine

Optimistic or positive, especially in an apparently bad or difficult situation.

➤ "... tracing the gradual return to bodily health, and flattering his too **sanguine** hopes with the illusion that her mind would settle back to its right balance also, and she..." (Bronte 199).

➤ <http://www.gospelgazette.com/gazette/2000/apr/page11.shtml>

## Abhorrence

*A feeling of repulsion; disgusted loathing*

⤴ "... he is ingenious and unresting in seeking to gain my **abhorrence**" (Bronte 216).

⤴ <http://www.dailylocal.com/article/20121224/NEWS01/121229782/w-chester-continues-crackdown-on--145-abhorrent-146-behavior?mobredirect=true>

## Epistle

*A letter*

⤴ "As soon as I had perused this **epistle** I went to the master, and informed him that his sister had arrived at the Heights, and sent me a letter expressing her sorrow..." (Bronte 216).

⤴ [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Epistle\\_of\\_James](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Epistle_of_James)

## Wheedling

*Employ endearments or flattery to persuade someone to do something or give one something*

⤴ "If I let you alone for half a day, won't you come sighing and **wheedling** to me again?" (Bronte 224).

⤴ <http://www.voleospeed.co.uk/2013/02/the-whining-wheedling-voice-of-motor.html>

## Shirk

Avoid or neglect (a duty or responsibility)

"... most likely he supposed that I was inclined to shirk my promise, and so resolved t trust who his own audacity" (Bronte 233).

➤ <http://books.google.com/books?id=b1xYS50zCJ8C&pg=PA93&lpg=PA93&dq=shirk+my+promise&source=bl&ots=VPuLZy17Mp&sig=4OtOoDTmPTo0GERvmo0c7P1SZZs&hl=en&sa=X&ei=yKg-UdTGJ8nX2QXI0IGoDw&ved=0CDwQ6AEwAw#v=onepage&q=shirk%20my%20promise&f=false>

## Scintillating

Sparkling or shining brightly

"... and a bloodless lip and **scintillating** eye; and she retained in her closed fingers a portion of the locks she had been grasping" (Bronte 235).

➤ <http://www.astrophys-assist.com/educate/starry/starrynight.htm>

# Usurped

*Take (a position of power or importance) illegally or by force*



"Her day was divided between us; no amusement **usurped** a minute: she neglected her meals, her studies, and her play" (Bronte 360).

➤ <http://m24digital.com/en/2012/09/09/justice-freed-60-people-who-tried-to-usurp-land-in-jujuy/>

## BATTLEDORES

A game played with a shuttlecock and rackets; a forerunner of badminton



"We found two in a cupboard, among a heap of old toys, tops, and hoops, and **battledores** and shuttlecocks" (Bronte 366).

➤ <http://youtu.be/mfOYVoHH16M>

## Enigmatical

*Difficult to interpret or understand; mysterious*



"... half ashamed; but his cousin's patience was not sufficient to endure this **enigmatical** behaviour" (Bronte 392).

➤ [http://www.fstrain.com/enigmatical\\_list\\_youngladies.html](http://www.fstrain.com/enigmatical_list_youngladies.html)

## Changeling

A child believed to have been secretly substituted by fairies for the parents' real child in infancy

☞ "Take you with her, pitiful changeling!" (Bronte 402).

☞ <http://www.sing365.com/music/lyric.nsf/The-Changeling-lyrics-The-Doors-CB8B415D27B9048D4825689700343C1A>

## Beguide

Charm or enchant (someone), sometimes in a deceptive way

☞ "... not by inches, but by fractions of hairbreadths, to beguile me with the spectre of a hope through eighteen years!" (Bronte 428).

☞ <http://www.saudigazette.com.sa/index.cfm?method=home.regcon&contentid=20130310156146>

## Frock

A woman or girl's dress

☞ "... at last summoned courage to help her; she held her frock, and he filled it with the first that came to hand" (Bronte 436).

☞ <http://fashion.telegraph.co.uk/article/TMG9909555/The-Duchess-of-Cambridge-snaps-up-37-dress-in-Topshop-spree.html>



## Pertness

*The quality of being attractively neat and jaunty*

⤵ "But I offered more than once, and asked,' he said, 'kindling up at her **pertness**" (Bronte 437).

⤵ <http://yourdaughterswillbenext.wordpress.com/2012/08/12/in-pursuit-of-pertness/>

## DISPARAGEMENT

*Regard or represent as being of little worth*

⤵ "He said he wouldn't suffer a word t be uttered in his **disparagement**: if he were the devil, it didn't signify" (Bronte 474).

⤵ <http://finance.fortune.cnn.com/2011/09/08/carol-bartz-yahoo-disparagement/>

## Kirk

*A church*

⤵ "... and died by that means, and they refused to bury you in the precincts of the **kirk**?" (Bronte 492).

⤵ <http://www.orkneyjar.com/history/or-chrch.htm>









