## THE GREAT GATSBY

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* **privy -** adjective (formal) ~ to sth allowed to know about sth secret
* **levity -** behaviour that shows a lack of respect for sth serious and that treats it in anamusing way
* **quiver -** tremble
* **suppress -** to prevent yourself from having or expressing a feeling or an emotion
* **conduct -** to organize and/or do a particular activity
* **elation -** a feeling of great happiness and excitement
* **confer -**  (with sb) (on / about sth) to discuss sth with sb, especially in order to exchange opinions or get advice
* **epigram -** a short poem or phrase that expresses an idea in a clever or amusing way
* **barnyard -** an area on a farm that is surrounded by farm buildings
* **sinister -** seeming evil or dangerous; making you think sth bad will happen
* **proximity -**  (of sb/sth) (to sb/sth) (formal) the state of being near sb/sth in distance or time
* **sturdy -** robust
* **supercilious -**  behaving towards other people as if you think you are better than they are
* **effeminate -** (disapproving) (of a man or a boy) looking, behaving or sounding like a woman or a girl
* **swank -** to behave in way that is too proud or confident
* **leverage -** the ability to influence what people do
* **convey -** communicate
* **vista -** 1.a beautiful view, for example, of the countryside, a city, etc.; 2. a range of things that might happen in the future
* **pungent -**  direct and having a strong effect
* **ajar -** slightly open
* **imperceptible -** very small and therefore unable to be seen or felt
* **totter -** to be weak and seem likely to fall
* **fright -** an experience that makes you feel fear
* **desolate -** very lonely and unhappy
* **deft -** skilful and quick
* **incredulous -** not willing or not able to believe sth; showing an inability to believe sth
* **accentuate -** to emphasize sth or make it more noticeable
* **contemptuous -** (of sb/sth) feeling or showing that you have no respect for sb/sth
* **unobtrusively -** (formal, often approving) not attracting unnecessary attention
* **bantering -** (of a way of talking) amusing and friendly
* **infinitesimal -** extremely small
* **complacency -** (usually disapproving) a feeling of satisfaction with yourself or with a situation, so that you do not think any change is necessary; the state of being complacent
* **extemporize -** improvise
* **coherence -** the situation in which all the parts of sth fit together well
* **gaiety -** the state of being cheerful and full of fun
* **wicker -** thin sticks of wood woven together to make baskets, furniture, etc
* **settee -** sofa
* **assert –** 1. to state clearly and firmly that sth is true; 2. to behave in a confident and determined way so that other people pay attention to your opinions
* **peremptorily -**  in a way that allows no discussion or refusal
* **libel -** the act of printing a statement about sb that is not true and that gives people a bad opinion of them; a printed statement about sb that is not true

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* **perceive -** to notice or become aware of sth
* **brood -** to think a lot about sth that makes you annoyed, anxious or upset
* **wag -** if a dog wags its tail, or its tail wags, its tail moves from side to side severaltimes
* **dismal -** miserable
* **saunter about -** to walk in a slow relaxed way
* **jovial -** very cheerful and friendly
* **smoulder –** 1. to be filled with a strong emotion that you do not fully express; 2. to burn slowly without a flame
* **coarse –** 1.rough, not soft; 2. vulgar
* **vicinity -** the area around a particular place
* **upholstery -** soft covering on furniture such as ARMCHAIRS and SOFAS
* **interpose -** to add a question or remark into a conversation
* **haughty -** behaving in an unfriendly way towards other people because you think that you are better than them
* **countenance -** a person's face or their expression
* **stout –** 1.strong and thick; 2. brave and determined
* **rakish –** 1. (of a man) acting like a RAKE (= in an immoral, etc. way)
* **incessant -** never stopping
* **proprietary -** relating to an owner or to the fact of owning sth
* **immoderate -** extreme; not reasonable
* **lather -** a white mass of small bubbles that is produced by mixing soap with water
* **hover -** to stay close to sth, or to stay in an uncertain state
* **rustle -** if sth dry and light rustles or you rustle it, it makes a sound like paper, leaves, etc. moving or rubbing together
* **assertion -** claim
* **pivot -** the central or most important person or thing
* **mincing -** to walk with quick short steps, in a way that is not natural
* **flounce –** 1. a quick and exaggerated movement that you make when you are angry or want people to notice you; 2. to move somewhere in a way that draws attention to yourself, for example because you are angry or upset
* **strident –** 1. having a loud harsh and unpleasant sound; 2. aggressive and determined
* **wreath -** a circle of smoke, cloud, etc

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* **moth -** a flying insect with a long thin body and four large wings, like a BUTTERFLY, but less brightly coloured. Moths fly mainly at night and are attracted to bright lights.
* **scamper -** (especially of children or small animals) to move quickly with short light steps
* **ravage -** to badly damage sth
* **brass -** 1. a bright yellow metal made by mixing COPPER and ZINC, objects made of brass; 2. money
* **cordial -** pleasant and friendly
* **gaudy** - too brightly coloured in a way that lacks taste
* **shawl -** a large piece of fabric worn by a woman around the shoulders or head, or wrapped around a baby
* **permeate -**  1.(of a liquid, gas, etc.) to spread to every part of an object or a place; 2. (of an idea, an influence, a feeling, etc.) to affect every part of sth
* **innuendo -** an indirect remark about sb/sth, usually suggesting sth bad or rude
* **lurch –** 1. to make a sudden, unsteady movement forward or sideways;2. a sudden strong movement that moves you forward or sideways and nearly makes you lose your balance
* **prodigal –** extravagant
* **erroneous -** not correct; based on wrong information
* **majestic -** impressive because of size or beauty
* **vehement -** showing very strong feelings, especially anger
* **slink (slunk off) -** to move somewhere very quietly and slowly, especially because you are ashamed or do not want to be seen
* **contemptuous -**  (of sb/sth) feeling or showing that you have no respect for sb/sth:
* **saunter -** to walk in a slow relaxed way
* **credulity -**  the ability or willingness to believe that sth is real or true
* **staid -** not amusing or interesting; boring and old-fashioned
* **nobility -** people of high social position who have titles such as that of DUKE or DUCHESS
* **condescend -** to do sth that you think it is below your social or professional position to do
* **impetuous -** acting or done quickly and without thinking carefully about the results
* **ascertain -** to find out the true or correct information about sth
* **vacuous -** showing no sign of intelligence or sensitive feelings
* **rowdy -**  (of people) making a lot of noise or likely to cause trouble
* **lull –** 1. a quiet period between times of activity; 2. to make sb relaxed and calm
* **florid –** 1. (of a person's face) red; 2. having too much decoration or detail
* **corpulent -**  (of a person) fat. People say 'corpulent' to avoid saying 'fat'
* **elude -** to manage to avoid or escape from sb/sth, especially in a clever way
* **convivial -** cheerful and friendly in atmosphere or character
* **swoon -** to feel very excited, emotional, etc. about sb that you think is sexually attractive, so that you almost lose consciousness
* **inept -** acting or done with no skill:
* **rivulet -** a very small river; a small stream of water or other liquid
* **asunder -** into pieces; apart
* **dissension -** disagreement between people or within a group
* **flank -** 1. the side of sth such as a building or mountain; 2. to have sb/sth on one or both sides
* **deplorable -**  very bad and unacceptable, often in a way that shocks people
* **malevolent -** having or showing a desire to harm other people
* **tantalize -** to make a person or an animal want sth that they cannot have or do
* **cluster –** 1. a group of things of the same type that grow or appear close together; 2. o come together in a small group or groups
* **tumultuous –** 1.very loud; involving strong feelings, especially feelings of approval; 2. involving a lot of change and confusion and/or violence
* **jut -** to stick out further than the surrounding surface, objects, etc.; to make sth stick out
* **discordant -** not in agreement; combining with other things in a way that is strange or unpleasant
* **din -**  a loud, unpleasant noise that lasts for a long time
* **apparition** - a ghost or an image of a person who is dead
* **endow -** to give a large sum of money to a school, a college or another institution to provide it with an income
* **chasm -** a very big difference between two people or groups, for example because they have different attitudes
* **loiter –** hang around
* **poignant -** having a strong effect on your feelings, especially in a way that makes you feel sad
* **throbbing -**  a strong regular beat; a feeling of pain that you experience as a series of strong beats
* **subterfuge -**  a secret, usually dishonest, way of behaving or doing sth
* **insolent -** extremely rude and showing a lack of respect
* **tangle -** a state of confusion or disorder

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* **bootleg -**  made and sold illegally
* **subtle -** not very noticeable or obvious
* **penitentiary -** a prison
* **fluctuate -** to change frequently in size, amount, quality, etc., especially from one extreme to another
* **dashboard** - the part of a car in front of the driver that has instruments and controls in it
* **sporadic -** happening only occasionally or at intervals that are not regular
* **punctilious -** very careful to behave correctly or to carry out your duties exactly as you should
* **disconcert -** to make sb feel anxious, confused or embarrassed
* **indecisively -** not providing a clear and definite answer or result
* **chiefly -** not completely, but as a most important part
* **threadbare -** that does not have much effect, especially because it has been used too much
* **insignia -** the symbol, BADGE or sign that shows sb's rank or that they are a member of a group or an organization
* **elicit -**  to get information or a reaction from sb, often with difficulty
* **incredulous -** not willing or not able to believe sth; showing an inability to believe sth:
* **spire -** a tall pointed structure on the top of a building, especially a church
* **gnawing -** to keep biting sth or chewing it hard, so that it gradually disappears
* **consent -** permission to do sth, especially given by sb in authority
* **cobbled slum -** (of streets and roads) having a surface that is made of COBBLES (=granitne kocke)
* **girder -** a long strong iron or steel beam used for building bridges and the FRAMEWORK of large buildings
* **lump -** a piece of sth hard or solid, usually without a particular shape
* **hearse -** a long vehicle used for carrying the coffin (= the box for the dead body) at a funeral
* **juxtapose -**  to put people or things together, especially in order to show a contrast or a new relationship between them
* **succulent -** (of fruit, vegetables and meat) containing a lot of juice and tasting good
* **benediction -**  a Christian prayer of BLESSING
* **denizen -**  a person, an animal or a plant that lives, grows or is often found in a particular place
* **beaux (sg beau)-** a woman's male lover or friend
* **armistice -**  a formal agreement during a war to stop fighting and discuss making peace
* **unfathomable -** too strange or difficult to be understood
* **aspire -**  to have a strong desire to achieve or to become sth
* **splendour -** grand and impressive beauty
* **dispense -**  to give out sth to people
* **pursue -** o do sth or try to achieve sth over a period of time
* **cornice -** a decorative border around the top of the walls in a room or on the outside walls of a building

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* **shrubbery –** an area planted with shrubs
* **elongate -** to become longer; to make sth longer
* **glint -** to produce small bright flashes of light
* **rout -** a situation in which sb is defeated easily and completely in a battle or competition
* **render -** to cause sb/sth to be in a particular state or condition
* **receptacle -** a container for putting sth in
* **pantry -** a cupboard/closet or small room in a house, used for storing food
* **scrutinize -**  to look at or examine sb/sth carefully
* **dew -** the very small drops of water that form on the ground, etc. during the night
* **tread -** to put your foot down while you are stepping or walking
* **harrow -** a piece of farming equipment that is pulled over land that has been PLOUGHED to break up the earth before planting
* **counterfeit -** (of money and goods for sale) made to look exactly like sth in order to trick people into thinking that they are getting the real thing; not genuine:
* **defunct -** no longer existing, operating or being used
* **rigid -** (of rules, methods, etc.) very strict and difficult to change
* **steeple -** a tall pointed tower on the roof of a church, often with a SPIRE on it
* **craze -** an enthusiastic interest in sth that is shared by many people but that usually does not last very long; a thing that people have a craze for
* **serf -** (in the past) a person who was forced to live and work on land that belonged to a LANDOWNER whom they had to obey
* **vestige -** a small part of sth that still exists after the rest of it has stopped existing
* **confound -** to confuse and surprise sb
* **exultation -**  great pride or happiness, especially because of sth exciting that has happened
* **recurrent -** that happens again and again
* **frothy -** seeming attractive and enjoyable but having no real value
* **hawthorn -**  a prickly bush or small tree with white or pink flowers and small dark red berries called haws
* **swath -** a large strip or area of sth
* **plaid -** a thick fabric with a pattern of lines and squares of different colours and widths, especially a TARTAN pattern
* **corrugated -** shaped into a series of regular folds that look like waves
* **defiant -** openly refusing to obey sb/sth, sometimes in an aggressive way
* **billow -** (of a sail, skirt, etc.) to fill with air and swell out
* **scanty -** too little in size or amount for what is needed
* **duck (trousers) -** to move somewhere quickly, especially in order to avoid being seen
* **nebulous -** not clear
* **hue -**  a type of belief or opinion
* **spasm -** a sudden and often painful tightening of a muscle, which you cannot control

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* **laudable -** deserving to be praised or admired, even if not really successful
* **meretricious -** seeming attractive, but in fact having no real value
* **contemptuous -** (of sb/sth) feeling or showing that you have no respect for sb/sth
* **conceit -** too much pride in yourself and what you do
* **ineffable -** too great or beautiful to describe in words
* **oblivious -** not aware of sth
* **savoury -** having a pleasant taste or smel
* **ramification -** one of the large number of complicated and unexpected results that follow an action or a decision
* **turgid -** (of language, writing, etc.) boring, complicated and difficult to understand
* **debauched -** a debauched person is immoral in their sexual behaviour, drinks a lot of alcohol, takes drugs, etc
* **substantial -** large in amount or value; important
* **misconception -** a belief or an idea that is not based on correct information, or that is not understood by people
* **ingratiate -** to do things in order to make sb like you, especially sb who will be useful to you
* **perturb -** alarm
* **oppressive -** treating people in a cruel and unfair way and not giving them the same freedom, rights, etc. as other people
* **commotion -**  sudden noisy confusion or excitement
* **pervade -** to spread through and be noticeable in every part of sth
* **invariably –** always
* **hitherto -** until now; until the particular time you are talking about
* **lethargy -** the state of not having any energy or enthusiasm for doing things
* **attain -** to succeed in getting sth, usually after a lot of effort
* **proximity -** the state of being near sb/sth in distance or time
* **beget -** to make sth happen
* **chafe -** to feel annoyed and impatient about sth, especially because it limits what you can do
* **euphemism -** an indirect word or phrase that people often use to refer to sth embarrassing or unpleasant, sometimes to make it seem more acceptable than it really is
* **dilatory -**  not acting quickly enough; causing delay
* **blot out -**  to cover or hide sth completely
* **unwavering -** not changing or becoming weaker in any way
* **linger -**  to continue to exist for longer than expected
* **exalt -** to praise sb/sth very much
* **obliterate -** to remove all signs of sth, either by destroying or covering it completely
* **rind -**  the thick outer skin of some types of fruit
* **discarded -**  to get rid of sth that you no longer want or need
* **venture -** to go somewhere even though you know that it might be dangerous or unpleasant
* **bustle -** busy and noisy activity
* **pap -**  books, magazines, television programmes, etc. that have no real value
* **romp -** to play in a happy and noisy way
* **incarnation -** a period of life in a particular form
* **elusive -** difficult to find, define, or achieve

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* **broiling -** to become or make sb become very ho
* **affront -** to insult or offend sb
* **awning -** a sheet of fabric that stretches out from above a door or window to keep off the sun or rain
* **crimson -** dark red in colour
* **bona – fide -** genuine, real or legal; not false
* **clog -** to block sth or to become blocked
* **croon -** to sing sth quietly and gently
* **relinquish -** to stop having sth, especially when this happens unwillingly
* **stagnant -** not developing, growing or changing
* **scalloped -** to decorate the edge of sth with small curves
* **ale -** a type of beer, usually sold in bottles or cans. There are several kinds of ale
* **insistent -** demanding sth firmly and refusing to accept any opposition or excuses
* **gravel -** small stones, often used to make the surface of paths and roads
* **notion -** an idea, a belief or an understanding of sth
* **abyss -** a very deep wide space or hole that seems to have no bottom
* **flurry -** an occasion when there is a lot of activity, interest, excitement, etc. within a short period of time
* **alight -**  1. (of faces or eyes) showing a feeling of happiness or excitement; 2. on fire
* **vigil -** a period of time when people stay awake, especially at night, in order to watch a sick person, say prayers, protest, etc
* **inviolate -** that has been, or must be, respected and cannot be attacked or destroyed
* **precipitate -** (of an action or a decision) happening very quickly or suddenly and usually without enough care and thought
* **intermittent -** stopping and starting often over a period of time, but not regularly
* **tangible -** that can be clearly seen to exis**t**
* **stifling -**  to feel unable to breathe, or to make sb unable to breathe, because it is too hot and/or there is no fresh air
* **shrub -** a large plant that is smaller than a tree and that has several stems of wood coming from the ground
* **portentous -** very serious and intended to impress people
* **dismal -** causing or showing sadness
* **putter -** to make a repeated low sound as it moves slowly
* **gibberish –** nonsense
* **libertine -**  a person, usually a man, who leads an immoral life and is interested in pleasure, especially sexual pleasure
* **prig -** a person who behaves in a morally correct way and who shows that they disapprove of what other people do
* **partake -** to take part in an activity
* **rancour -**  feelings of hatred and a desire to hurt other people, especially because you think that sb has done sth unfair to you
* **swindle -** o cheat sb in order to get sth, especially money, from them:
* **magnanimous -** kind, generous and forgiving, especially towards an enemy or a RIVAL
* **exulting -** to feel and show that you are very excited and happy because of sth that has happened
* **clamour -**  1. a loud noise especially one that is made by a lot of people or animal; 2. to demand sth loudly
* **tumult -** a confused situation in which there is usually a lot of noise and excitement, often involving large numbers of people
* **inquest -** a discussion about sth that has failed
* **waver -**  to be or become weak or unsteady
* **wailing -** a long loud high cry, especially because you are sad or in pain
* **expostulate -** to argue, disagree or protest about sth
* **deranged -** unable to behave and think normally, especially because of mental illness
* **incoherent -** unable to express yourself clearly, often because of emotion
* **wad -** a thick pile of pieces of paper, paper money, etc. folded or rolled together
* **rift -** a serious disagreement between people that stops their relationship from continuing

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* **dejection** - a feeling of unhappiness and disappointment:
* **musty -** smelling damp and unpleasant because of a lack of fresh air
* **malice -** a feeling of hatred for sb that causes a desire to harm them
* **indiscernible -** that cannot be seen, heard or understood
* **ravenous -**  extremely hungry
* **unscrupolous -** without moral principles; not honest or fair
* **stratum -** a class in a society
* **grail -**  a thing that you try very hard to find or achieve, but never will
* **redolent -**  making you think of the thing mentioned
* **wail -**  to make a long high sound
* **petal -** a delicate coloured part of a flower. The head of a flower is usually made up of several petals around a central part.
* **dew -** the very small drops of water that form on the ground, etc. during the night
* **pervade -**  to spread through and be noticeable in every part of sth
* **vestibule -** an entrance hall, for example where hats and coats can be left
* **corroborate -** to provide evidence or information that supports a statement, theory, etc
* **to be in cahoots -** to be planning or doing sth dishonest with sb else
* **rigid -** very strict and difficult to change
* **garrulous -** talking a lot, especially about unimportant things
* **flinch -** to make a sudden movement with your face or body as a result of pain, fear, surprise, etc
* **thud -** a sound like the one which is made when a heavy object hits sth else
* **forlorn -** appearing lonely and unhappy

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* **adventitious -** happening accidentally; not planned
* **surmise -** to guess or suppose sth using the evidence you have, without definitely knowing
* **superfluous -** unnecessary
* **defiance -** open refusal to obey sb/sth
* **addendum -** a section of extra information that is added to sth, especially to a book
* **dismay -** a worried, sad feeling after you have received an unpleasant surprise
* **sparse -** only present in small amounts or numbers and often spread over a large area
* **drizzle -** light fine rain
* **elocution -** the ability to speak clearly and correctly, especially in public and pronouncing the words in a way that is considered to be socially acceptable
* **poise -** a calm and confident manner with control of your feelings or behaviour
* **murky -**  dark and unpleasant because of smoke, FOG, etc
* **complacent** - too satisfied with yourself or with a situation, so that you do not feel that any change is necessary; showing or feeling complacency
* **brittle -** hard but easily broken
* **squeamish -** easily upset, or made to feel sick by unpleasant sights or situations, especially when the sight of blood is involved
* **recede -** to move gradually away from sb or away from a previous position