

# THE GIVER

## BY LOIS LOWRY - VOCABULARY

Research the following vocabulary words. Be sure to write each word in your own sentence.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WORD  
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**FROM THE TEXT**

**DEFINITION**

**IN A SENTENCE**

**Rasp**

S: \_\_\_\_\_

A: \_\_\_\_\_

*Then all of the citizens had been ordered to go into the nearest building and stay there. IMMEDIATELY, the **rasping** voice through the speakers had said.*

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**Jeer**

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*Even the children were scolded if they used the term. It was not polite to jeer at a comrade who needed a catch or a tumble.*

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**Palpable**

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*...he remembered that moment of **palpable**, stomach-sinking terror when the aircraft had streaked above.*

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**Apprehensive**

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A: \_\_\_\_\_

*But there was a little shudder of nervousness when he thought about it, about what might happen. **Apprehensive**, Jonas decided. That's what I am.*

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**Wheedle**

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*But like all parents—all adults—they didn't fight and **wheedle** for their turn.*

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**Transgression**

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*"You know how the bird chirped when he danced the rule away from me? If there's a word **transgression**, he simply has to be pleased."*

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**Aptitude**

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*Well, it was clear to me—and my parents later confessed that it had been obvious to them, too—what my **aptitude** was.*

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**Petulant**

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A: \_\_\_\_\_

"...and most of the time they just play games and amuse themselves while they're waiting. I think I'd like that," Lily said **petulantly**.

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**Nondescript**

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*...it was the same apple. Unchanged. The same size and shape: a perfect sphere. The same **nondescript** shade, about the same shade as his tunic.*

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**Tabulate**

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**Serene**

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*It was a **serene** and slow-paced place, unlike the busy centers of manufacture and distribution where the daily work of the community occurred.*

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**Disquiet**

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...a **disquieting** scene where she had been chastised for a rule infraction she didn't understand.

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**Infraction**

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**Throng**

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**Reprieve**

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He had been given an unusual and special **reprieve** from the committee, and granted an additional year of nurturing before his Naming and Placement.

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**Exuberant**

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The audience applause, which was enthusiastic at each Naming, rose in an **exuberant** swell when one parental pair, took a male newchild and heard him named Caleb.

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**Scrupulously**

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...the assignments were **scrupulously** thought through by the Committee of Elders.

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**Sheepish**

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The audience swelled with laughter. Asher laughed, too, looking **sheepish** but pleased at the special attention.

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**Ruefully**

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"Especially," she said, chuckling, "the difference between snack and smack. Remember, Asher?" Asher nodded **ruefully**, and the audience laughed aloud.

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**Piecemeal**

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They applauded at the final Assignment; but the applause was **piecemeal**, no longer a crescendo of united enthusiasm.

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**Benign**

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*The community, relieved from its discomfort very slightly by her **benign** statement, seemed to breathe more easily.*

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**Jaunty**

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*Edward that day dressed in his new white suit, he had practiced the kind of **jaunty** walk that he hoped he could make to the stage...*

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**Relish**

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*He imagined Benjamin, the scientific male in his group, beginning to read pages of rules and instructions with **relish**.*

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**Requisition**

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*...she had hastily **requisitioned** relief-of-pain medication which had promptly been delivered to his dwelling.*

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**Upholster**

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*The fabrics on the **upholstered** chairs and sofa were slightly thicker and more luxurious;*

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**Conspicuous**

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*...at the **conspicuous** difference was the book*

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**Emboss**

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*There must have been hundreds—perhaps thousands—of books, their titles **embossed** in shiny letters.*

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**Deft**

S: \_\_\_\_\_

A: \_\_\_\_\_

*This one had a switch, which the man **deftly** snapped to the end that said OFF.*

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**Torrent**

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*He could see a bright, whirling **torrent** of crystals in the air around him, and he could see them gather on the backs of his hands, like cold fur.*

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**Obsolete**

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*It isn't a practice anymore, it became **obsolete** to Samer...*

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**Admonition**

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*He was very aware of his own **admonition** not to discuss his training.*

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**Distinctive**

S: \_\_\_\_\_

A: \_\_\_\_\_

Your friend Fiona has red hair—quite **distinctive**, actually; I've noticed it before.

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**Wry**

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A: \_\_\_\_\_

Then he smiled **wryly**. "You've come very quickly to that conclusion," he said.

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**Sinuous**

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When its **sinuous** trunk it stroked the huge nose, then it reared up, broke some lead pipes with a snarl and dashed them over the thin thick n

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**Assimilate**

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A: \_\_\_\_\_

Finally it subsided as the memories were **assimilated**. But it certainly made them aware of how they need a receiver to contain all that pain.

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**Solace**

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A: \_\_\_\_\_

*...and having no memories from which to find either **solace** or wisdom, they would not know what to do and would seek his advice.*

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**Languid**

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*...a slow-swinging hammock under palm trees on an island someplace, at evening, with a rhythmic sound of **languid** water lapping hypnotically against a beach nearby.*

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**Augmented**

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**Taut**

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*His leg muscles were **taut** now. They ached when he settled himself to sleep.*

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