

Words and Explanations

apparition (AP uh RIHSH uhn) An apparition is something that looks like a ghost.

arbitrary (AHR buh TREHR ee) An arbitrary action or decision is made without any good reason.

brooding (BROO dihng) Brooding is used to describe a threatening and disturbing feeling.

cower (KOW uhr) If a person or animal cowers, it crouches and moves back because it is afraid.

incandescent (IHN kuhn DEHS uhnt) If something is incandescent, it shines brightly.

iniquity (ih NIHK wuh tee) An iniquity is a situation or act that is unfair or wicked.

jettison (JEHT uh suhn) When you jettison something, you get rid of it because it is not needed or is causing a problem.

retrospect (REHT ruh spehkt) When you think about something in retrospect, you think back on it and may change your opinion about it.

sullen (SUHL uhn) A person who is sullen is bad-tempered and unfriendly.

writhe (ryth) When you writhe, you twist and turn because of extreme pain or shame.

*“Words are but the signs
of ideas.”*

—Samuel Johnson