

# The Hobbit VOCABULARY LIST

## CHAPTER 1

<b>Depredations</b> (noun): Acts of attacking or plundering. (Same root as <i>predator</i> )	
<b>Hoard</b> (noun): A store of valued objects, typically one that is carefully guarded.	
<b>Audacious</b> (adjective): Showing a willingness to take surprisingly bold risks.	
<b>Prudent</b> (adjective): Acting with or showing care and thought for the future.	

## CHAPTER 2

<b>Mutton</b> (noun): The meat of a sheep, especially when used as food.	
<b>Paraphernalia</b> (noun): Miscellaneous items, especially for a particular activity.	
<b>Glum</b> (adjective): Looking or feeling dejected; sad; without spirit.	
<b>Plunder</b> (verb): To steal goods, typically using force and in a time of disorder.	

## CHAPTER 3

<b>Ford</b> (noun): A shallow place in a river or stream where it can be crossed.	
<b>Homely</b> (adjective): Cozy and comfortable (referring to a place).	
<b>Venerable</b> (adjective): Commanding respect due to age, dignity, or wisdom.	
<b>Vex</b> (verb): To irritate, annoy, or provoke.	

CHAPTER 4

<b>Uncanny</b> (adjective): Strange or mysterious, usually in an unsettling way.	
<b>Rummage</b> (verb): To search through something in a hurried or careless way.	
<b>Ingenious</b> (adjective): Clever, original, and inventive. (Same root as <i>genius</i> )	
<b>Horde</b> (noun): A very large group of disorganized and threatening people.	

CHAPTER 5

<b>Subterranean</b> (adjective): Existing or situated below the surface of the Earth.	
<b>Wretch</b> (noun): A miserable or despicable (easy to despise) person.	
<b>Mail</b> (noun): Protective armor made of small metal rings linked together.	
<b>Hasty</b> (adjective): Done with excessive speed or urgency; rushed.	

CHAPTER 6

<b>Abominable</b> (adj.): Causing moral revulsion; very bad or unpleasant.	
<b>Glade</b> (noun): An open space in a forest; a clearing.	
<b>Pinnacle</b> (noun): The highest point (physically or figuratively).	
<b>Smote</b> (verb): Struck with a firm blow. (Present tense = smite.)	

CHAPTER 7

<b>Queer</b> (adjective): Strange or unusual.	
<b>Furrier</b> (noun): A person who prepares or sells animal furs and skins.	
<b>Gruffly</b> (adverb): In a rough or brusque manner without regard for courtesy.	
<b>Enchantments</b> (noun): Magical spells or charms, typically of a lasting nature.	

## CHAPTER 8

<b>Lamenting</b> (verb): Expressing sorrow or regret. (Noun form = lamentation.)	
<b>Mirth</b> (noun): Amusement or laughter, usually celebratory.	
<b>Linger</b> (verb): To stay longer than is appropriate, necessary, or wise.	
<b>Wary</b> (adjective): Cautious of danger. (Same root as <i>beware</i> and <i>warning</i> )	

## CHAPTER 9

<b>Bond</b> (noun): Captivity or imprisonment. (Same root as <i>bondage</i> )	
<b>Surly</b> (adjective): Bad-tempered and unfriendly; gruff.	
<b>Portcullis</b> (noun): A heavy iron gate that can be lowered to block passage.	
<b>Casks</b> (noun): Barrels used for storing liquids, especially wine or ale.	

## CHAPTER 10

<b>Dreary</b> (adjective): Appearing dull, bleak, and lifeless.	
<b>Quays</b> (noun): Docks or landing places along the shore where ships load and unload.	
<b>Hinder</b> (verb): To make something difficult or slow down progress.	
<b>Clamor</b> (noun): A loud and chaotic noise, especially from a crowd.	

## CHAPTER 11

<b>Desolation</b> (noun): A state of emptiness or destruction. (Adjective form = desolate.)	
<b>Ominous</b> (adjective): Giving the impression that something bad or threatening is about to happen.	
<b>Implore</b> (verb): To request or beg earnestly or desperately.	
<b>Thrush</b> (noun): A type of small songbird, associated with good fortune in some folklore traditions.	

## CHAPTER 12

<b>Staggering</b> (adjective): Shockingly hard to believe (so shocking that you might lose your balance).	
<b>Lair</b> (noun): A secret or private place, especially a hidden resting place of a beast or a villain.	
<b>Calamity</b> (noun): A disastrous event causing great harm or suffering.	
<b>Absurdly</b> (adverb): In a way that is ridiculously unreasonable or extreme.	

## CHAPTER 13

<b>Gleam</b> (noun): A small, bright light or a brief flash of brightness.	
<b>Wrought</b> (adjective): Carefully crafted or shaped with skill.	
<b>Plodded</b> (verb): Walked or moved slowly and with effort.	
<b>Dominion</b> (noun): Control or rule over something; sovereignty. (The same root as <i>dominate</i> )	

## CHAPTER 14

<b>Grim</b> (adjective): Stern, serious, forbidding, or uninviting.	
<b>Foiled</b> (verb): Prevented from succeeding; opposed and defeated.	
<b>Gilded</b> (adjective): Covered thinly with gold or ornately decorated.	
<b>Recompense</b> (noun): A reward or payment for an effort or a loss. (Same root as <i>compensation</i> )	

## CHAPTER 15

<b>Carrion</b> (noun): The decaying flesh of dead animals.	
<b>Decrepit</b> (adjective): Worn out or weakened by age or neglect.	
<b>Parley</b> (noun): A discussion or conference, often between opposing sides in a conflict.	
<b>Besieged</b> (verb): Surrounded and attacked by enemies.	

## CHAPTER 16

<b>Wearily</b> (adverb): In a tired or exhausted manner.	
<b>Sentinels</b> (noun): Guards or watchmen, typically official.	
<b>Marveling</b> (verb): Observing with wonder or admiration.	
<b>Comely</b> (adjective): Pleasant to look upon; attractive.	

## CHAPTER 17

<b>Bade</b> (verb): Past tense of to bid; to command or request.	
<b>Literally</b> (adverb): In a strict, real sense; exactly as stated.	
<b>Feint</b> (noun): A deceptive movement, typically in battle.	
<b>Heedless</b> (adjective): Showing a reckless lack of care or attention.	

## CHAPTER 18

<b>Rent</b> (verb): Torn, ripped, or split apart violently.	
<b>Precipice</b> (noun): A steep or nearly vertical rock face or cliff.	
<b>Grievously</b> (adverb): To a very serious or severe degree, often referring to suffering or injury.	
<b>Eyries</b> (noun): Nests built high up, especially those of birds of prey.	

## CHAPTER 19

<b>Wither</b> (verb): To dry up, to shrivel, or to fade away.	
<b>Whither</b> (adverb): To what place or state. E.g., "Whither are you going?"	
<b>Presume</b> (verb): To assume something to be true without proof.	
<b>Memoir</b> (noun): A non-fiction account or biography from personal knowledge. (The same root as <i>memory</i> )	