

The Outsiders Vocabulary

Chapter 1:

madras: cotton, plaid material (for clothing)
cowlick: an unruly tuft of hair
unfathomable: difficult or impossible to understand

Chapter 2:

*hastily: quickly, without much thought
roguishly: playfully mischievous;
devilishly
*incredulous: skeptical; disbelieving
*winced-to tense the body as if from pain

Chapter 3:

*gallant(ly): brave; courageous; dashing
*aloof(ness): indifference; emotional distance
elite: privileged; the best of a class
*ornery-ugly and unpleasant in disposition

Chapter 4:

apprehensive: anxious or fearful about the future
defiance: bold resistance (to authority)
contemptuously: disrespectfully;

Chapter 5:

reluctant(ly): unwilling(ly)
eluded: failed to be remembered or understood; escaped from memory
fiend: an addict

Chapter 6:

keeled: to fall or faint
towheaded: having light, almost white blonde hair

Chapter 7:

mimicked: copied someone's speech
juvenile delinquent: a juvenile (kid) guilty of criminal behavior;
troublemaker
aghast: struck with fear

Chapter 8:

**faltered: paused uncertainly
diverted: to deliberately take someone's attention from something by making them think about or notice other things
**dogged(ly): with stubborn determination

Chapter 9:

***spruced up": dressed in fancy or formal clothing
**grimaced: twisted your face in an ugly way because you don't like something, you're in pain, or you're trying to be funny
stifle: to stop something from happening

Chapter 10:

**stupor: a state in which you cannot think, speak, see, or hear clearly
**delirious: sudden, severe confusion
**reckless: not caring or worrying about the possible bad or dangerous results of your actions

Chapters 11-12:

**bewildered: totally confused
**acquitted: court states that someone is not guilty of a crime
*composition: a piece of writing