*The Great Gatsby*  Vocabulary

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| privy | belonging or relating to a person in one's individual rather than official capacity; secret; private |
| levity | lack of steadiness **:** changeableness |
| incredulous | unwilling to admit or accept what is offered as true **:** not [credulous](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/credulous) **:** [skeptical](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/skeptical) |
| intimation | to make known especially publicly or formally **:** [announce](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/announce) **;** to communicate delicately and indirectly **:** [hint](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/hint) |
| sumptuous | extremely costly, rich, luxurious, or magnificent |
| apathetically | having little or no [interest](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/interest%5b1%5d) or concern **:** [indifferent](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/indifferent) |
| incessant | continuing or following without interruption |
| vehemently | marked by forceful energy **:** [powerful](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/powerful) |
| ascertain | to make [certain](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/certain%5b1%5d), exact, or precise **:** to find out or learn with certainty |
| punctilious | marked by or concerned about precise accordance with the details of codes or conventions |
| benediction | the invocation of a blessing; *especially* **:** the short blessing with which public worship is concluded |
| harrowed | hurt; wound; cause pain or torment to |
| defunct | no longer living, existing, or functioning |
| nebulous | hazy; vague; confused |
| laudable | worthy of praise **:** [commendable](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/commendable) |
| insidious | awaiting a chance to entrap **:** [treacherous](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/treacherous) **:** harmful but enticing **:** [seductive](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/seductive) |
| ineffable | incapable of being expressed in words **:** [indescribable](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/indescribable) |
| portentous | indicating evil to come; ominous; threatening; amazing; extraordinary |
| magnanimous | showing or suggesting [nobility](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/nobility) of feeling and generosity of mind; unselfish |
| vicariously | experienced in the imagination through the feelings or actions of another person;  acting or done for another. |
| garrulous | pointlessly or annoyingly talkative ; wordy |
| fortuitously | occurring by [chance](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/chance%5b1%5d) **:** [fortunate](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/fortunate), [lucky](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/lucky) |
| commensurate | in the proper proportion; of the same size or extent; equal |
| complacent | pleased with oneself or what one has; self-satisfied |
| feign | put on a false appearance of; fake; make believe; pretend |
| supercilious | proud; showing scorn or indifference because of a feeling of superiority |
| conscientious | careful to do what one knows is right; done with care to make it right |
| reciprocal | in return; mutual |
| convivial | (of an atmosphere or event) friendly, lively, and enjoyable.  (of a person) cheerful and friendly; jovial |
| infinitesimal | extremely small |