

## Gulliver: Vocabulary

Terrific- Very bad; exciting or fit to excite fear or awe; extraordinary; unusually fine.

Palpable- Capable of being touched or felt; easily perceptible or noticeable; easily perceptible by the mind.

Incommunicable- Incapable of being communicated or imparted.

Impregnable- Incapable of being taken by assault; Unassailable.

Folly- A lack of good sense or normal prudence and foresight; criminally or tragically foolish actions or conduct; a foolish act or idea; an excessively costly or unprofitable undertaking.

Pygmy- An insignificant or unimpressive person; something very small of its kind.

Allegory- A symbolic representation; a story in which the characters and events are symbols that stand for ideas about human life or for a political or historical situation.

Tottering- Being in an unstable condition; walking unsteadily; lacking firmness or stability.

Paltry- Very small or too small in amount; having little meaning, importance, or worth.

Phantom- Something that is not real and exists only in a person's mind; something that is hard to see or achieve.

Contrive- To form or think of (a plan, method, etc.); to form or make (something) in a skillful or clever way; to make (something) happen in a clever way or with difficulty.

Congenial- Suitable or appropriate; pleasant and enjoyable; very friendly.

Piquant- Engagingly provocative; agreeably stimulating to the palate.

Zest- Lively excitement, a feeling of enjoyment and enthusiasm; a lively quality that increases enjoyment, excitement, or energy.

Throng- A large group of people.

Phantasmal- Something that exists only in a person's mind.

Jocular- Liking to tell jokes; said or done as a joke.

Truculent- Easily annoyed or angered and likely to argue; deadly, destructive.

Self-Abasement- To lower oneself physically; to lower oneself in rank, office, prestige, or esteem.

Ignoble- Not deserving respect; not noble or honorable.

Battery- An offensive touching or use of force on a person without the person's consent.

Wry- Humorous in a clever and often ironic way; showing both amusement of a feeling of being tired or annoyed.

Rueful- Showing or feeling regret for something done; pitiable.

Drolleries- Acts or instances of jesting; whimsical humor; things having odd or amusing qualities.

Paucity- A small amount of something; an amount less than what is needed or wanted.

Consonance- Harmony or agreement among components; correspondence or recurrence of sounds especially in words.

Pertinacity- Adhering resolutely to an opinion, purpose, or design; stubbornly tenacious.

Bar-Fly- A person who spends a lot of time drinking in bars.

Rheum- A watery discharge from the mucous membranes, particularly from the eyes or nose.

Trifle- Something that does not have much value or importance.

Disputatious- Inclined to argue; to say or show that something may not be true, correct, or legal; to fight to take control of something.

Mechanically- Happening or done without thought or without any effort to be different or interesting.

Complaisant- Willing or eager to please other people; easily convinced to do what other people want.

Lustily- Longingly; eagerly or enthusiastically.

Glibly- Said or done too easily or carelessly; showing little preparation or thought; speaking in a smooth, easy way that is not sincere.