

Vocabulary Words with Definitions (in the context of the book *Gloppy* by Janice Laakko)

Chapter One

1. contempt – **disgust**
2. adversary – **enemy**
3. instinct – **a sense that something is needed**
4. texture – **thinness or thickness (in this case, of hair)**
5. wit – **humor**
6. outwit – **outsmart (or be wittier or more humorous than)**
7. offended – **hurt**
8. tradition – **routine**

Chapter Two

1. emphasis – **loudness**
2. unofficially – **not formally**
3. ponder – **think about carefully**
4. estimate – **to guess at an amount**
5. nearsighted – **able to see objects clearly that are up close, but not those that are far away**
6. farsighted – **able to see objects clearly that are far away, but not those that are up close**
7. contagious – **an emotion or something spread from one person to another**
8. unmentionable – **unspeakable, not to be talked about**
9. hysteria – **uncontrollable laughter**
10. elaborate – **detailed or fancy**
11. cringed – **had an inner feeling of embarrassment**
12. nonsensical – **silly**
13. retaliated – **got back at**

Chapter Three

1. UFO – **alien spaceship**
2. logical – **in a way that makes sense**
3. sequence – **order**
4. emerge – **come out from somewhere**
5. reprimand – **scold, yell at**
6. hilarious – **very funny**

Chapter Four

1. intensified – **made worse**
2. irritation – **annoyance**
3. classic – **usual or typical**
4. retained – **remembered**

5. pet peeve – an annoyance
6. noteworthy – worth remembering, interesting
7. taunting – saying insulting things
8. sulked – silent out of annoyance
9. unmanageable – messy
10. mercilessly – in a way that shows no mercy or kindness
11. audibly – able to be heard

Chapter Five

1. obtained – gotten
2. refining – improving
3. outscore – achieve a higher score or grade
4. taken their toll – have a negative impact or effect
5. lurking – waiting

Chapter Six

1. stormed – walked angrily
2. turmoil – a feeling of upset
3. motivated – interested and driven to do something
4. omission – something left out or not done
5. impressive – awesome
6. gloating – bragging
7. scanned – looked around
8. misdeed – bad deed

Chapter Seven

1. complied – did as one was told
2. humiliating – causing someone to feel ashamed and foolish
3. determines – gives a value or grade for an assignment
4. frantically – in a hurried manner due to fear or anxiety
5. exclusive – not including other people
6. revenge – getting back at someone who has caused hurt
7. unbearable – unable to be endured or tolerated
8. agony – suffering
9. culprit – person responsible for a misdeed or mistake
10. grudge – a bad feeling toward someone
11. composure – state of being calm and in control of one's emotions
12. retrieve – to find and get something back
13. fizzled – end in a disappointing way
14. inexcusable – too bad to be tolerated or accepted

15. inform – tell
16. conscience – an inner feeling of right versus wrong

Chapter Eight

1. bolted – ran
2. penalty – punishment
3. confront – talk with someone face-to-face about an issue

Chapter Nine

1. flawlessly – without any mistakes
2. momentary – occurring for a very short amount of time
3. desperate – a feeling that something is so bad that one cannot deal with it

Chapter Ten

1. consultant – a person who gives advice
2. confrontation – a hostile argument between people
3. fascinating – very interesting
4. sarcastic – mocking and disrespectful
5. off-guard – unprepared for a surprise
6. genuine – honest, true
7. groped – tried to think of something to say
8. insistent – demanding
9. verdict – decision
10. abruptly – briefly and quickly

Chapter Eleven

1. in the hot seat – in trouble, under pressure

Chapter Twelve

1. converting – changing
2. muffled – not loud
3. reluctantly – unwillingly and hesitatingly
4. flushed – red cheeks
5. motionless – not moving

Chapter Thirteen

1. solemnly – seriously
2. acknowledged – called on
3. playoffs – a series of games after the regular season that works toward a championship
4. momentarily – for a very short time

5. rematch – an additional game to be played by the two teams
6. supervision – act of watching over a situation
7. smoker – ball thrown very fast
8. ecstatic – filled with joyful excitement
9. compromise – when each side in a fight gives in a little and gets a little
10. assume – guess without all the facts
11. blunders – mistakes
12. laughingstock – the subject of ridicule or teasing

Chapter Fourteen

1. infamous – well-known for having a bad quality
2. vacant – empty
3. FBI agent – someone who gathers information for the U.S. government
4. pastime – hobby
5. typical – usual
6. timid – shy

Chapter Fifteen

1. response – answer
2. temporarily – for a short period of time
3. roughhousing – playing violently or roughly

Chapter Sixteen

1. collapsible – able to be folded

Chapter Seventeen

1. overstuffed – filled with too much stuff
2. astonishment – great surprise
3. guffaw – loud laugh
4. intentionally – done on purpose
5. paleontologists – scientists who dig for fossils
6. gesturing – moving one's head or arms to convey a message
7. fragile – easily breakable
8. at stake – at risk
9. bop – tap lightly
10. dazzling – extremely impressive or awesome
11. wigwam – a dome-shaped house made of poles and animal skins
12. critical – necessary

Chapter Eighteen

1. meteorologist – a person who predicts the weather
2. restored – returned to order
3. out of character – very different from one's usual behavior
4. klutz – clumsy person

Chapter Nineteen

1. resumed – started up again
2. mutually decided – something decided by both teams
3. volunteer – say that someone will do something without asking the person first

Chapter Twenty

1. strategies – plans of action
2. reprimanded – scolded

Chapter Twenty-one

1. development – occurrence
2. unique – one-of-a-kind
3. brainteasers – puzzles

Chapter Twenty-two

1. suspended – hung
2. complicated – tricky, difficult
3. designed – created

Chapter Twenty-three

1. flooded – filled
2. preoccupied – distracted
3. dispute – argument

Chapter Twenty-four

1. collapse – fall down
2. exasperated – frustrated

Chapter Twenty-five

1. swig – small amount of a drink
2. fanatic – extreme fan
3. decent – good

Chapter Twenty-six

1. pry – ask a nosy question
2. prank – trick
3. intact – whole, unbroken
4. emphatic – firm and direct
5. sabotage – damage done on purpose

Chapter Twenty-seven

1. halfheartedly – not showing much enthusiasm
2. commotion – chaos
3. backfired – didn't work out as planned
4. unveiled – uncovered
5. foil – stop or spoil a plan
6. dilemma – problem
7. tardiness – lateness
8. sly – clever and sneaky
9. ultimate – final
10. uncharacteristically – not in the usual way
11. efficiently – in an organized manner