

Maisie Dobbs: A Novel Vocabulary Words Scramble Game

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| 1) asdemrinunmi | _____ | 21) iylbhgt | _____ |
| 2) aseimcirt | _____ | 22) lchokarc | _____ |
| 3) bsialtuno | _____ | 23) lesrbntua | _____ |
| 4) cateisempi | _____ | 24) lsrcyleu | _____ |
| 5) cneaastir | _____ | 25) mcihamseal | _____ |
| 6) dewla | _____ | 26) odgwrea | _____ |
| 7) dfhucfe | _____ | 27) ornkeso | _____ |
| 8) ebotnn | _____ | 28) pokeirp | _____ |
| 9) edtcroi | _____ | 29) psaepr | _____ |
| 10) efn | _____ | 30) qduipe | _____ |
| 11) emeogrtsocrn | _____ | 31) rsectoedrehsua | _____ |
| 12) erssaeuct | _____ | 32) rsicep | _____ |
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| 14) glviude | _____ | 34) sitarpye | _____ |
| 15) gnfirmieat | _____ | 35) taruqo | _____ |
| 16) helcoc | _____ | 36) tgru | _____ |
| 17) ierteoc | _____ | 37) tsctuntieon | _____ |
| 18) iglslhni | _____ | 38) utestidr | _____ |
| 19) loresri | _____ | 39) wme | _____ |
| 20) iturgd | _____ | 40) yduothg | _____ |



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* *Chiefly British* (book page number)



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Definitions:

Ablutions (*uh-bloo-shuh* n; noun) the washing of one's body or part of it

Armistice (*ahr-muh-stis*; noun) temporary suspension of hostilities by agreement between the opponents; truce

Ascertain (*as-er-teyn*; verb) to find out or learn with certainty

Asperity (*uh-sper-i-tee*; noun) roughness of manner or of temper

Cordite (*kawr-dahyt*; noun) a smokeless powder composed of nitroglycerin, guncotton, and a petroleum substance usually gelatinized by addition of acetone and pressed into cords resembling brown twine

Cloche (*klohsh, klawsh*; noun) a woman's close-fitting hat usually with deep rounded crown and narrow brim

Constituent (*kuh n-stich-oo-uh* nt; adjective) serving to compose or make up a thing; component

Coterie (*koh-tuh-ree*; noun) an intimate and often exclusive group of persons with a unifying common interest or purpose

Detritus (*dih-trahy-tuh* s; noun) miscellaneous remnants

Divulge (*dih-vuhlj, dahy- ə- 'vəlʃ, dī-*; verb) to make known

Doughty (*dou-tee*; adjective) marked by fearless resolution

Dowager (*dou-uh-jer*; noun) a widow holding property or a title from her deceased husband; a dignified elderly woman

Indian summer (*in-dee-uh n suhm-er*; noun) a period of warm or mild weather in late autumn or early winter

Lighterman (*lahy-ter-muh* n; noun) someone who operates a barge

Piqued (*peek*; verb) to excite or arouse especially by a provocation, challenge, or rebuff

Precis (*prey-see, prey-see*; noun) a concise summary of essential points, statements, or facts

Quarto (*kwawr-toh*; noun) the size of a piece of paper cut four from a sheet; *also* : paper or a page of this size

Salubrious (*suh-loo-bree-uh* s; adjective) favorable to or promoting health or well-being

Sapper (*sap-er*; noun) a military specialist in field fortification work

Septicemia (*sep-tuh-see-mee-uh*; noun) invasion of the bloodstream by virulent microorganisms and especially bacteria along with their toxins from a local seat of infection accompanied especially by chills, fever, and prostration —called also *blood poisoning*

Turgid (*tur-jid*; adjective) excessively embellished in style or language



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Definitions (Continued) :

British English:

Bonnet (**bon**-it; noun) an automobile hood.¹

Blighty (**blahy**-tee; noun) one's native land (as England); * A wound sufficiently severe to warrant being sent back to England

Charlock (**chahr**-luh k; noun) an Old World mustard that is a common weed in grain fields—called also *wild mustard*

Chuffed (**chuhft**; adjective) *British Informal*, delighted; pleased; satisfied.¹

Costermonger (**kos**-ter-muhng-ger, -mong-, **kaw**-ster; noun) also called coster; a hawker of fruit, vegetables, fish, etc¹

Fen (**fen**; noun) low land that is covered wholly or partly with water unless artificially drained and that usually has peaty alkaline soil and characteristic flora (as of sedges and reeds)

Lorries: (**lawr**-ees, **lor**-ees; **noun**) (Plural for Lorry) a motor truck, esp. a large one.

Mew : (**myoo**; noun) stables usually with living quarters built around a court

Michaelmas : (**mik**-uh l-muh s; noun) September 29 celebrated as the feast of St. Michael the Archangel

Pork pie: ([**pawrk**-pahy, **pohrk**-]; noun) Small pie filled with minced seasoned pork²

Scullery (**skuhl**-uh-ree, **skuhl**-ree; noun) a room for cleaning and storing dishes and cooking utensils and for doing messy kitchen work

Secateurs (**sek**-uh-ters, -turs; noun) pruning shears

Shilling (**shil**-ing; noun) a former monetary unit of the United Kingdom equal to 12 pence or $\frac{1}{20}$ pound

Snooker (**snoo** k-er, **snoo**-ker; noun) a variety of pool played with 15 red balls and 6 balls of colors other than red

Subaltern (**suhb**-awl-tern or, **suhb**-uh l-turn; noun) a person holding a subordinate position; *specifically* : a junior officer

Terraced houses (**ter**-uh s d hous; noun) a row of houses built in a similar style and having common dividing walls (or the street on which they face); "Grosvenor Terrace"; row house or town house.³

Toff (**tof**; noun) *chiefly British*: a man who gives exaggerated attention to personal appearance

Trug (**truhg**, **troo** g; noun) *chiefly British* : a shallow rectangular gardening basket

Weald (**weeld**; noun) Region SE England in Kent, Surrey, & Sussex, between North Downs & South Downs; once heavily forested



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Sources:

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Activity Options:

Depending on your class time and emphasis, this activity can be done in class or at home, as well as individually or in groups. The suggested options are listed in the order from most interactive to least interactive.

Word Scramble Game - Distribute the Word Scramble and Vocabulary List pages. Ask students to unscramble the words using the Vocabulary List as the target answers. Due to the length of the list, this should probably be completed at home.

Resource List - Hand out Vocabulary List and Definitions pages for students to refer to as they read *Maisie Dobbs*.

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