

*The Giver Vocab*

Word	Definition	Sentence from the Book	Illustration
chastisement	verbal punishment	<i>Lily, he decided, would have to learn that soon, or she would be called in for <b>chastisement</b> because of her insensitive chatter.</i>	
sift	check and sort carefully	<i>He wanted to share them, but he wasn't eager to begin the process of <b>sifting</b> through his own complicated emotions, even with the help that he knew his parents could give.</i>	
sympathetic	expressing compassion or friendly fellow feelings	<i>"Oh, no," Mother murmured sympathetically. "I know how sad that must make you feel." Jonas and Lily both nodded sympathetically as well.</i>	
wheedle	influence or urge by gentle urging, caressing, or flattering	<i>But like all parents—all adults—they didn't fight and <b>wheedle</b> for their turn.</i>	

infringe	go against, as of rules and laws	<i>But each such error reflected negatively on his parents' guidance and <b>infringed</b> on the community's sense of order and success.</i>	
interdependence	a relation between entities that rely on each other	<i>Fours, Fives, and Sixes all wore jackets that fastened down the back so that they would have to help each other dress and would learn <b>interdependence</b>.</i>	
profound	far-reaching and thoroughgoing in effect	<i>The speech was much the same each year: recollection of the time of childhood and the period of preparation, the coming responsibilities of adult life, the <b>profound</b> importance of Assignment, the seriousness of training to come.</i>	
transgression	the violation of a law or a duty or moral principle	<i>His <b>transgressions</b> were small ones, always: shoes on the wrong feet, schoolwork misplaced, failure to study adequately for a quiz.</i>	
assimilate	take up mentally	<i>"They really suffered for a while. Finally it subsided as the memories were <b>assimilated</b>. But it certainly made them aware of how they</i>	

		<i>need a Receiver to contain all that pain. And knowledge."</i>	
perceive	become aware of through the senses	<i>You should be able to <b>perceive</b> the name without being told.</i>	
successor	a person who inherits some title or office	<i>But that does not mean I am perfect, and when I tried before to train a <b>successor</b>, I failed.</i>	
tentative	hesitant or lacking confidence; unsettled in mind or opinion	<i>Tentatively he opened his eyes—not his snow-hill-sled eyes, for they had been open throughout the strange ride.</i>	
anguish	extreme distress of body or mind	<i>"Put your hands on me," he directed, aware that in such <b>anguish</b> The Giver might need reminding.</i>	
burden	a serious or difficult concern	<i>"But then everyone would be <b>burdened</b> and pained. They don't want that. And that's the real reason The Receiver is so vital to them, and so honored. They selected me—and you—to lift that <b>burden</b> from themselves."</i>	

implore	beg or call upon in supplication	<i>Finally, when the container was open, he extended his arm slowly across the blood-soaked earth, inch by inch, and held it to the lips of the boy. Water trickled into the <b>imploring</b> mouth and down the grimy chin.</i>	
solitude	the state or situation of being alone	<i>Although he had through the memories learned about the pain of loss and loneliness, now he gained, too, an understanding of <b>solitude</b> and its joy.</i>	
emphatically	without question and beyond doubt	<i>Jonas shook his head <b>emphatically</b>. “No, Giver,” he said. “I want you to keep that, to have with you, when I’m gone.”</i>	
feeble	lacking strength or vigor	<i>Gabriel moved feebly against him and whimpered briefly into the silence that surrounded them.</i>	
peril	a source of danger	<i>But now there were new fears; the unfamiliar landscape held hidden, unknown <b>perils</b>.</i>	
wretched	very unhappy; full of misery	<i><b>Wretched</b> with helplessness.</i>	