

PRINCE CASPIAN

VOCABULARY

The following is a selection of vocabulary words listed in order of appearance in *PRINCE CASPIAN* (written by C. S. Lewis, published in 1951). Review this list before reading the novel to assess the level of difficulty of the novel or simply to learn more words.

buskins	High boots, reaching to the calf or knee.
heraldry	The study of armorial bearings and the right of persons who carry arms or such bearings.
wallet	A bag for holding provisions and clothing, especially on a journey on foot or on horseback.
destrier	14 th century word for a knight's warhorse.
saddle	Areas of elevated, open, uncultivated ground.
water-butt	A long elevation of land with sloping sides, or a ridge, especially one connecting two hills.
how	A large, open-headed cask set on end to receive rain-water from a roof. Artificial mound, cairn, or barrow.
eggs in moonshine	Metaphor for appearance without substance, foolish or fanciful talk, ideas, plans.
seneschal	An official in the household of a sovereign or great noble in charge of domestic arrangements and the administration of justice.
hauberk	A coat of flexible ring mail or chain mail, covering the neck and shoulders and, in later uses, extending below the waist.
bilge	The bottom of a ship's hull, or a contraction for bilgewater, the seepage that collects in the bottom of the hull.
tig	British term for tag.
hunt the slipper	A parlor game in which all the players but one sit in a ring and pass a slipper covertly from one to another, the remaining player standing in the middle and seeking to get hold of it.

cantrip	A magical spell of any kind, or one which reads the same forwards and backwards.
monomachy	A duel, a fight involving single combat.
jackanapes	A tame ape.
dotard	An imbecile, a silly or stupid person; especially one whose intellect is impaired by age.
dastard	A despicable coward; one who does malicious acts in a skulking way so as to avoid risk.
mazers	Bowls, drinking cups, or goblets, usually without a foot, made from a burl or knot of a maple tree.