

THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

VOCABULARY

The following is a selection of vocabulary words listed in order of appearance in THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE (written by C. S. Lewis, published in 1950). Review this list before reading the novel to assess the level of difficulty of the novel or simply to learn more words.

to blubber	to cry noisily.
dingy	dirty.
to bash	to hit hard.
to flog	to hit hard with a whip.
stupendous	magnificent, extraordinary.
to shy	to jump with fear (for a horse).
dibble	a small hand implement used to make holes in the ground for plants, seeds, or bulbs.
frowsy	untidy and dirty.
to skirl	wailing sound made by bagpipes.
briar (or brier)	prickly wild bush.
giddy	dizzy.
halter	a rope or strap for leading or tying an animal.
to grovel	to humble oneself. to lie with your face on the ground.
punt	a long flat-bottomed boat.
hummock	low rise in the ground.
glade	an open space surrounded by woods.
to be put down	to be humiliated.
fetlock	back part of a horse's leg, just above the hoof.
rowan	a small deciduous european tree.

fallow	(land) plowed but left unseeded during a growing season. (deer) small with white spots.
it follows that...	it is a logical and/or natural consequence that...
heather	wild plant with purple and white bell-shaped flowers.
bracken	wild fern.
to buck up	to make someone feel more lively (horse: to jump in the air)
to take stock	to think carefully about a situation before making a decision. <i>to take stock of one's surroundings.</i>
that puts me in mind that...	that reminds me that...
to trounce	to beat someone soundly.
to keep as quiet as mice	to be very quiet.
to funk	to be afraid to do something.
to feel at home with somebody	to feel comfortable in the company of somebody.
to put something to rights	to put something in a satisfactory or orderly condition.
to chafe	to become irritated, annoyed.
to be in working order	to be operating or functioning as required.
gist	the central idea.
shod	wearing shoes.
wold	area of gently rounded hills.
at full pelt	going fast.
to toss up for...	to spin (a coin) in the air in order to decide between alternatives by guessing which side will land uppermost.
to round a headland	to take a circular course along a narrow area of land jutting out into a sea.
you never doubted us all through	you never doubted us from beginning to end.
as grave as a turnip	very grave.
to wallop	to hit hard (walloping: huge).

dumpy	short and fat.
as right as rain	perfectly all right; completely well.
to be in the right	to be right.
furrow	a long, narrow, shallow trench made in the ground by a plow.
as bold as brass	very cheeky.
with the tail of my eye	from the corner of my eye.
rout	a complete defeat.
boon	advantage, blessing.
to fall to	to begin an activity energetically.
to have a good head for	to have the mental ability or aptitude for.
to muff	to do something badly.
fusty	smelling of dampness.
wigwam	native american's tent, made of animal skins.
to caper	to jump.
cordial	medicine that stimulates or invigorates the heart or, more generally, is restorative, reviving, cheering.
standard	a flag indicating the presence of a sovereign or public official.