

# HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN

## VOCABULARY

The following is a selection of vocabulary words listed in order of appearance in HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN (written by J. K. Rowling, published in 1999). Review this list before reading the novel to assess the level of difficulty of the novel or simply to learn more words.

tawny	yellowish brown.
shove	to push with force.
totter	to shake as if about falling.
ram	to push down hard.
churn	to stir about violently.
unfurl	to unfold.
shabby	poorly dressed.
stroke	to rub gently.
raucus	hoarse.
hag	witch.
squirt	to shoot out.
sore	painful.
bedlam	place of confusion.
ogle	to eye something with admiration
freckle	a small brownish spot on the skin.
bulge	a protruding part; an outward curve or swelling.
squawk	to utter a harsh scream; screech.
jabber	to utter rapidly or unintelligibly.
newt	lizard.

row	noisy quarrel.
lenient	merciful.
wicker	a flexible plant branch or twig used in weaving baskets.
stow	to pack away.
flinch	to shrink back in fear.
billow	great wave.
huff	a fit of bad temper.
darn	to repair a hole by weaving thread or yarn across it.
rattle	to fluster; unnerve.
haywire	in a state of disorder.
sherbet	a fuzzy drink.
on the loose	<i>idiom</i> at large; free.
bristly	rough (hair).
drawl	to speak slowly.
trundle	to wheel along.
foreboding	feeling of coming evil.
clammy	moist and sticky.
lukewarm	not enthusiastic.
tangle	to mix.
ravenous	very hungry.
swoon	to faint.
shawl	a piece of cloth worn as a covering for the head and shoulders.
gauze	a thin fabric with a loose open weave.
spangle	a small sparkling object, drop, or spot.
spindly	long and thin.
bangle	a rigid bracelet or anklet, especially one with no clasp.
dregs	solid particles that settle at the bottom of some liquids.
tether	a rope, chain, or similar restraint for holding an animal in place.

gash	deep open wound.
wrestle	to contend or struggle.
tankard	large drinking mug.
crinkle	to form wrinkles or ripples.
swagger	to walk proudly.
simper	to smile in a silly manner.
idle	not employed or busy.
seethe	to be violently excited or agitated.
seam	a line of junction formed by sewing together two pieces of material along their margins.
scoff	to express scorn.
doze	to sleep slightly.
dazzle	to dim the vision of, especially to blind with intense light.
flutter	to move quickly.
uncanny	mysterious, unsettling, as if of supernatural origin or nature.
crate	openwork container.
goggle	to stare.
wallop	to beat.
wreath	a ring or circlet of flowers, boughs, or leaves.
gruff	rough in manner.
shallow	not deep.
smattering	a very slight knowledge.
brittle	easily cracked or broken.
tart	sour.
strut	to walk proudly.
dodder	to shake or tremble, as from old age; totter.
muster	to gather up.
rickety	likely to break or fall apart.
wary	cautious.

scuffle	a confused fight.
ledge	a horizontal projection forming a narrow shelf on a wall.
wriggle	to twist.
entice	to attract by arousing hope or desire.
waft	something, such as an odor, that is carried through the air.
edgy	irritable.
subdue	to conquer.
limp	lacking or having lost rigidity.
strapping	tall and strong.
clamber	to climb awkwardly.
sag	to sink, droop, or settle from pressure or weight.
seizure	a sudden attack.
skulk	to lie in hiding, as out of cowardice or bad conscience.
shaggy	having, covered with, or resembling long rough hair.
rummage	to search thoroughly by handling, turning over, or disarranging the contents of.
squeak	a short high-pitched cry or sound.
squeal	a loud, shrill cry.
tinge	to tint or colour slightly.
jab	to poke, stab.
jumble	a confused mixture.
sway	to swing back and forth or to and fro.
choke	to stop the breathing of.
chatter	to talk rapidly, incessantly, and on trivial subjects.
slink	to move in a quiet furtive manner; sneak.
erie	causing fear of the unknown.
scamper	to run or go quickly and lightly.
pelt	to run fast.
sprawl	to sit or lie with the body and limbs spread out awkwardly.

hurtle	to move at great speed.
edge	to move little by little.
socket	a cavity into which an inserted part is designed to fit.
whimper	to cry or sob with soft intermittent sounds.
taunt	to tease at unkindly.
askew	to one side; crooked.
fray	a scuffle; a brawl.
poise	a state of balance or equilibrium.
deft	quick and skillful.
thrash	to beat soundly.
hinge	to depend on.
barely	hardly.
inwardly	in the heart, privately.
foolhardy	taking foolish risks.
wane	to lose power; to become smaller.
fledged	(of young birds) able to fly; qualified and competent.
smuggle	to send or take secretly.
raptly	having the mind fully occupied.
rattle	short, sharp, repeated sounds.
trickle	to flow in small amounts.
ooze	to flow gently, smoothly.
sewer	underground conduit for carrying off sewage or rainwater.
cringe	to shrink back in fear.
wring	to twist, squeeze, or compress, especially so as to extract liquid.
unkempt	not properly maintained; disorderly or untidy.
grubby	dirty; grimy.
fathom	to understand, get the bottom of.
maim	to cripple, disable.

grovel	to crawl, make oneself too humble.
recoil	to shrink back in fear.
stagger	to walk unsteadily, totter.
gaunt	thin, haggard.
yelp	a sharp cry.
grape	to search by feeling.
ebb	the flowing away of the tide.
wangle	to achieve through skillful planning.
limb	leg, arm, or branch.
splutter	to speak hastily and unclearly.
purse	to contract (the lips or brow) into wrinkles or folds; pucker.
ward	a division. a room in a hospital usually holding six or more patients.
scaly	covered with scales or flakes.
reedy	harsh or thin in tone.
rustle	to make a soft, whispering sound.
grudge	to be unwilling to give.
husky	hoarse or rough in quality.
meander	to wander about slowly.
tipsy	rather drunk.
canter	to move at a easy gallop.
bolt	to rush away, escape.
stag	male deer.
antler	horn of a deer.
cackle	to laugh or talk in a shrill manner.
gloat	to think about with joy.
jangle	to have an irritating effect on.
bristle	to show anger and indignation.
swelter	to be too hot.

pore

to study closely.

wryly

bitterly.

glum

sad, gloomy.