



Lord of the Flies The Language of Strife

There are many words in *Lord of the Flies* that describe the tension and anger in the story.

First, match each word below to its definition in the chart. Then based on the word and its definition, fill in the part of speech.

frenzy	brooding	taunt	infuriating
desperate	glower	shame	indignant
fuming	goad	crisis	loathing
demented	jeer	antagonistic	bitterness
glare	sneer	enraged	mockery

Word	Part of Speech	Definition
goad	verb	to annoy another person in order to cause a specific action or reaction
		a feeling of intense dislike or disgust; hatred
		to boldly stare at another in a fierce or angry way
		to provoke or challenge (someone) with insulting remarks
		feeling and/or showing intense anger
		causing extreme anger or annoyance
		thinking or behaving in an irrational way as a result of extreme emotional distress
		revealing an extreme unhappiness in one's expression and behavior
		to make rude comments or to mock another, typically in a voice loud enough for others to hear

		a feeling of anger that results from being treated unfairly; resentment
		a facial expression that displays contempt or mockery
		furious
		a moment or situation in which one feels intense anxiety, difficulty, or danger
		feeling an overwhelming hopelessness that results in the belief that a situation is so far gone that it can't be fixed
		to scowl or wear an angry expression on one's face
		out-of-control or wild behavior; extreme excitement
		behavior or language that teases or taunts a specific person, situation, or thing
		insulted by what one believes is unfair
		the anxiety, pain, or humiliation resulting from knowing one has done something foolish or wrong
		feeling and/or showing hostility toward another person or a situation

Now, on a separate piece of paper, write a description of a scene from *Lord of the Flies* that uses 6 or more of the words above.

RL.9-10.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language evokes a sense of time and place; how it sets a formal or informal tone).

L.9-10.3 Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

L.9-10.4 Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on *grades 9-10 reading and content*, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

L.9-10.5 Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

Answer Key

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goad	verb	to annoy another person in order to cause a specific action or reaction
loathing	noun	a feeling of intense dislike or disgust; hatred
glare	verb	to boldly stare at another in a fierce or angry way
taunt	verb	to provoke or challenge (someone) with insulting remarks
fuming	adjective	feeling and/or showing intense anger
infuriating	adjective	causing extreme anger or annoyance
demented	adjective	thinking or behaving in an irrational way as a result of extreme emotional distress
brooding	adjective	revealing an extreme unhappiness in one's expression and behavior
jeer	verb	to make rude comments or to mock another, typically in a voice loud enough for others to hear
bitterness	noun	a feeling of anger that results from being treated unfairly; resentment
sneer	noun	a facial expression that displays contempt or mockery
enraged	adjective	furious
crisis	noun	a moment or situation in which one feels intense anxiety, difficulty, or danger
desperate	adjective	feeling an overwhelming hopelessness that results in the belief that a situation is so far gone that it can't be fixed

glower	verb	to scowl or wear an angry expression on one's face
frenzy	noun	out-of-control or wild behavior; extreme excitement
mockery	noun	behavior or language that teases or taunts a specific person, situation, or thing
indignant	adjective	insulted by what one believes is unfair
shame	noun	the anxiety, pain, or humiliation resulting from knowing one has done something foolish or wrong
antagonistic	adjective	feeling and/or showing hostility toward another person or a situation