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**

**desperate**

**fuming**

**demented**

**glare**

**brooding**

**glower**

**goad**

**jeer**

**sneer**

**taunt**

**shame**

**crisis**

**antagonistic**

**enraged**

**infuriating**

**indignant**

**loathing**

**bitterness**

**mockery**

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| 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 |

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|  |  | 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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| Word | Part of Speech | Definition |
| 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 |

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| 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 |