

The Most Dangerous Game -- Vocabulary

1. **Dread:** fearful expectation or anticipation
2. **Dank:** unpleasantly cool and humid
3. **Palpable:** capable of being perceived; especially of being handled or touched or felt
4. **Cannibal:** a person who eats human flesh
5. **Tangible:** perceptible by the senses
6. **Muffle:** deaden (a sound or noise), especially by wrapping
7. **Mystify:** be a mystery or bewildering to
8. **Recede:** pull back or move away or backward
9. **Doggedly:** with obstinate determination
10. **Extremity:** the greatest or utmost degree
11. **Vitality:** an energetic style
12. **Jagged:** having a sharply uneven surface or outline
13. **Dense:** hard to pass through because of thick growth
14. **Peril:** a state of danger involving risk
15. **Flounder:** walk with great difficulty
16. **Lacerate:** cut or tear irregularly
17. **Bleak:** unpleasantly cold and damp
18. **Palatial:** relating to or being a palace
19. **Chateau:** an impressive country house (or castle) in France
20. **Bluff:** a high steep bank
21. **Menacing:** threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments
22. **Cultivated:** no longer in the natural state; developed by human care and for human use
23. **Aristocrat:** a member of the aristocracy
24. **Medieval:** relating to or belonging to the Middle Ages
25. **Feudal:** of or relating to feudalism
26. **Refectory:** a communal dining-hall (usually in a monastery)
27. **Modesty:** formality and propriety of manner
28. **Ardent:** characterized by intense emotion
29. **Calvary:** troops trained to fight on horseback
30. **Debacle:** a sudden and violent collapse
31. **Imprudent:** not prudent or wise
32. **Analytical:** skilled in using analysis
33. **Surmount:** get on top of; deal with successfully
34. **Bewilderment:** confusion resulting from failure to understand
35. **Grisly:** shockingly repellent; inspiring horror
36. **Puritan:** a member of a group of English Protestants who advocated for the simplification and regulation of forms of worship
37. **Scruples:** motivation deriving from ethical or moral principles that govern a person's thoughts and actions
38. **Barbarous:** primitive in customs and culture
39. **Elude:** escape, either physically or mentally
40. **Invariably:** without variation or change, in every case
41. **Braggart:** a very boastful and talkative person
42. **Grotesque:** distorted and unnatural in shape or size; abnormal and hideous
43. **Stealthy:** marked by quiet and caution and secrecy
44. **Sallow:** unhealthy looking
45. **Solicitous:** full of anxiety and concern
46. **Ennui:** the feeling of being bored by something tedious
47. **Thicket:** a dense growth of bushes
48. **Venerable:** profoundly honored
49. **Futile:** producing no result or effect
50. **Intricate:** having many complexly arranged elements; elaborate
51. **Zealous:** marked by active interest and enthusiasm
52. **Apprehensive:** in fear or dread of possible evil or harm
53. **Tapestry:** a wall hanging of heavy handwoven fabric with pictorial designs
54. **Pungent:** strong and sharp
55. **Uncanny:** surpassing the ordinary or normal
56. **Precariously:** in a precarious manner
57. **Protruding:** extending out above or beyond the surface or boundary
58. **Mocking:** abusing vocally; expressing contempt or ridicule
59. **Placid:** not easily irritated; calm
60. **Cower:** show submission or fear