

Vocabulary, Chs 3-6

ebullience -- zestful or spirited enthusiasm; exuberance; exhilaration
oppressive -- weighing heavily; burdensome; using power unjustly
abyss -- a deep, immeasurable space, gulf, or cavity; vast chasm
inscrutable -- of an obscure nature; difficult to understand; mysterious
vicissitudes - changes or variations; unexpected changes in life
declivities -- downward slopes, as of a hill
tacit -- not spoken; implied by actions or statements

blatant -- totally or offensively obtrusive; very obvious
taboo -- excluded or forbidden from use or mention
sinewy -- lean and muscular, stringy and tough
malevolent -- having an ill will or wishing harm to others; malicious

ludicrous -- laughably and obviously absurd; foolish
ineffectual -- insufficient to produce an effect; useless
jeer -- to abuse vocally; taunt or mock
perilous -- involving or full of grave risk or peril; hazardous; dangerous
inarticulate -- incomprehensible; unable to speak with clarity

tremulous -- characterized by trembling, as from fear, nervousness, or weakness.
diffident -- lacking confidence in one's own ability, worth, or fitness; timid; shy.
leviathan -- something very large; giant sea creature in the Bible
mutinously -- unruly; insubordinate or constituting a mutiny

Chapter 3

1. What is Jack doing at the opening of this chapter?
2. Does he accomplish his goal?
3. What are Ralph and Simon doing?
4. Why do Ralph and Jack argue?
5. Who is Simon helping?
6. Describe the character traits of Simon.

Chapter 4

1. What is in the water beyond the reef?
2. Describe the two different groups on the island (littlun and biguns)
3. What do Roger and Maurice do?
4. What does Jack do when he sees his reflection?
5. What do the children spot while swimming?
6. Is the signal fire lit?
7. Where were the boys who were supposed to be watching the fire?
8. What does Jack do when Piggy gets after him for letting the fire go out?
9. What do the boys use the fire for?
10. Who gives Piggy meat?
11. What do the boys chant?

Chapter 5

1. What happens at the beginning of Chapter 5?
2. What bothers Ralph in Chapter 5?
3. What are some of the rules Ralph brings up?
4. What does Jack tell the other boys when he gets the conch?
5. Where does one of the littluns say the beast comes from at night?
6. Who does Simon say the beast is?
7. What does Ralph say is the thing that is holding them together?
8. Why doesn't Ralph blow the conch after everybody leaves?
9. What makes the sound at the close of the chapter?

Chapter 6

1. What is going on in the sky above the island?
2. What comes drifting down from the sky in Chapter 6?
3. Who finds the body?
4. What do they think the body is?
5. What do the children decide to do about the body?
6. Who goes into 'the castle' alone?
7. Who joins the person after a few moments?
8. What happens while the children play in the fort?