CLASS 9 ENGLISH KAVERI

Chapter 4 – Vitamin-M

VOCABULARY & WORD MEANINGS

Vitamin-M • The Lost Child • I Cannot Remember My Mother

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A. Vitamin-M – Key Vocabulary

Word / Expression	Meaning
frail	weak, delicate, or physically fragile
shuddered	trembled suddenly because of fear, shock, or an unpleasant feeling
poky	small, cramped, and uncomfortable
forbid	to order someone not to do something
pottering	moving or working about casually, often doing small tasks
winced	showed an expression of embarrassment, pain, or discomfort
bustle	busy activity and movement
tiresome	annoying or causing tiredness
craftily	cleverly or cunningly
dilemma	a difficult situation in which a choice has to be made
jauntily	in a cheerful, confident, lively manner
crouch	bend the body low
crouch behind	lower oneself and hide behind something
boomed	spoke or sounded loudly and deeply
humiliation	a deeply embarrassing or degrading experience
crawled	moved slowly on hands and knees
ducking	moving the head or body down
creeping	moving slowly and quietly
quizzical	showing that one is puzzled or questioning
furious	extremely angry
zigzagging	moving from side to side rather than in a straight line
thudded	made a heavy, dull sound
screech	a harsh, high-pitched sound
evicted	forced to leave a place
volley of	a large number of things happening or being said quickly
briskly	quickly and energetically
sprinting	running very fast for a short distance
deterred	prevented or discouraged from doing something
confront	to face someone or something directly
attire	clothing or dress

Word / Expression	Meaning
trailing	following someone or something
solemnly	seriously, without humour
gleam	a brief or faint expression of light or emotion
stricken	deeply affected by an unpleasant feeling or condition
flushed	became red in the face
countered	replied to or answered an argument

B. Useful Expressions from Vitamin-M

Word / Expression	Meaning
standard attire	the usual or customary clothing worn by someone
absent-mindedly	without paying proper attention; forgetfully
longingly	with a strong desire for something
poky little flat	a small, cramped flat
keep someone a prisoner	prevent someone from going out freely
give a new lease of life	give something renewed usefulness or vitality
in a dilemma	in a difficult situation requiring a choice
close to fainting	almost losing consciousness
a total stranger	a person completely unknown to someone
mischievous	playfully causing trouble or behaving in a naughty way

C. The Lost Child – Word Meanings

Word / Expression	Meaning
gaily	happily and cheerfully
lagged behind	fell behind others while moving
fascinated	strongly attracted or interested
suppress	to hold back or prevent an expression or feeling
abreast	level or side by side with someone
teeming	existing or moving in large numbers
grove	a small group of trees
capers	playful, energetic jumps or movements
whirlpool	a place or situation involving swirling movement
repelled	made to feel dislike or pushed away
hawked	called out loudly to attract buyers
sweetmeat	a sweet food or confection
irresistibly	in a way that cannot be resisted
coarse	rough, crude, or lacking refinement
whirling	spinning or moving rapidly around
dizzy	feeling as if everything is spinning
convulsed	shaken by strong or uncontrollable emotion
panic-stricken	overwhelmed by sudden fear
hither and thither	in one direction and then another
filmy	covered by or seen through something thin or misty
congested	very crowded or blocked
jostled	pushed or bumped roughly by others
soothe	calm or comfort someone
persuasively	in a convincing manner
reiterated	said or stated again
disconsolate	very unhappy and unable to be comforted

D. I Cannot Remember My Mother – Word Meanings

Word / Expression	Meaning
hover	linger or remain near a place
hum	sing a tune with your lips closed
cradle	a small bed for a baby
shiuli	a type of flower, also called coral jasmine
morning service	rituals conducted in a temple
gaze	look steadily for a long time
refrain	a line or group of lines repeated at regular intervals
symbolism	use of something tangible to represent a deeper meaning
imagery	language that creates vivid sensory pictures in the mind
olfactory	related to the sense of smell
auditory	related to the sense of hearing
visual	related to the sense of sight

E. Sensory Vocabulary

Word / Expression	Meaning
glowing	shining with a soft, warm light — visual
gigantic	extremely large — visual
minuscule	extremely small — visual
gloomy	dark or depressing — visual/emotional
vibrant	bright, lively, and full of energy — visual
crimson	deep, rich red — visual
rustle	a soft sound made by light movement — auditory
hiss	a sharp sound like air escaping — auditory
sizzle	a hissing sound made by something frying or burning — auditory
deafening	extremely loud — auditory
squeaky	having a high, sharp sound — auditory
ear-splitting	extremely loud or painful to hear — auditory
aroma	a pleasant smell — olfactory
stale	no longer fresh; having an unpleasant old smell/taste — olfactory
scent	a smell, especially a pleasant one — olfactory

Word / Expression	Meaning
pungent	having a strong, sharp smell — olfactory
stinky	having a very unpleasant smell — olfactory
fragrant	having a pleasant smell — olfactory
sticky	tending to adhere or cling — tactile
rough	not smooth; having an uneven surface — tactile
chilled	made cold or cooled — tactile
fluffy	soft, light, and airy to touch — tactile
smooth	even and without roughness — tactile
slimy	covered with a slippery, wet substance — tactile
hairy	covered with or having hair — tactile

F. Quick Revision – Important Vocabulary

Vitamin-M: frail, shuddered, poky, pottering, winced, craftily, dilemma, crouch, humiliation, attire, deterred, confront, trailing, gleam.

The Lost Child: fascinated, teeming, grove, capers, hawked, sweetmeat, whirlpool, repelled, whirling, panic-stricken, congested, jostled, soothe, reiterated, disconsolate.

Poem: hover, hum, cradle, shiuli, morning service, gaze, refrain, symbolism, imagery.

Sensory words: glowing, vibrant, crimson, rustle, hiss, sizzle, aroma, scent, fragrant, rough, chilled, smooth.

Source note: Vocabulary and meanings are based on the uploaded Class 9 English Kaveri Chapter 4 textbook. The textbook explicitly provides several meanings and vocabulary activities; additional short definitions here are concise study aids consistent with the words' use in the chapter. ■filecite■turn83file5■ ■filecite■turn83file2■ ■filecite■turn84file0■