

beast: any animal other than a human, especially a mammal with four legs (n)

to encourage: to give hope or courage to someone; give confidence or support (v)

to stay away from: stay clear of, avoid (v)

riverbank: the sloped ground at the edge of a river (n)

to emerge from: to rise up from or come out of a surrounding environment or substance (v)

to peer at: to look closely (v)

giddiness: light-headed or dizzy (n)

to lift: to move (something) upward; raise (v)

to breathe: a single act of taking in and letting out air (v)

instinctively: of, relating to, or prompted by instinct (adv)

satchel: a small bag, often with a shoulder strap, used to carry books and other small articles (n)

to disappear: to become no longer visible (v)

throat: the front part of the neck (n)

hurriedly: moving or acting rapidly (adv)

to sink: to fall or drop slowly to another level (v)

to keep secrets: not tell anyone, keep to yourself (v)

liar: one who tells lies instead of the truth. (n)

shadow: the dark image on a surface caused by something that blocks light from the sun (n)

shore: the land beside an ocean, sea, lake, or river (n)

to gurgle: to flow with a noisy, bubbling sound (v)

desperate: having almost no way to escape from or solve (adj)

to feed: to provide food for or give food to someone or something (v)

to steal: to take something from another person without permission and in a way that is against the law (v)

to prefer: to choose above others as the best liked or most wanted (v)

to thief: to take (the property of another) without right; steal; rob (v)

to collect: to gather together (v)

shopkeeper: a person who manages or owns a shop (n)

suspicious: causing questions or doubt (adj)

a bead of sweat: drop of sweat (n)

keep an eye on: To watch over attentively; mind over (v)

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