



UNCANNY - PAUL JENNINGS

Read the sentences. Pay special attention to the words in **bold**.

The general made the **fateful** decision to send in the troops to fight.

When no one answered the door, she **peered** through the window to see if anyone was there.

You have to water those plants before they **shrivel up** and die.

They spoke **sorrowfully** about the terrible accident.

Shannon has a **cackle** that you can hear from several rooms away.

As the burning plane landed, the terrified passengers **scrambled** for the door.

Amy took a crayon and drew a round face with two round eyes and a big **grin**.

If she lied to me, then she'll just have to **face the music**.

"So where is everyone?" Manny said as he sat **gloomily** in his living room.

"Hey, you!" She called, **beckoning** me over with her finger.

Nobody had liked the family: they had been unfriendly, greedy and **crabby**.

I **shuddered**, remembering the frightening stories I had heard.





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Match the words to their definitions.

CRABBY

TO SHAKE SUDDENLY AND BRIEFLY, ESPECIALLY
BECAUSE OF AN UNPLEASANT THOUGHT OR FEELING.

FATEFUL

TO LOOK CAREFULLY OR WITH DIFFICULTY.

SHUDDER

HAVING AN IMPORTANT AND USUALLY NEGATIVE
EFFECT ON THE FUTURE.

TO PEER

A NOISY LAUGH.

TO BECKON

TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR SOMETHING YOU
HAVE DONE.

SHRIVEL (UP)

A WIDE SMILE.

SORROWFULLY

EASILY ANNOYED AND COMPLAINING.

CACKLE

TO MOVE OR CLIMB QUICKLY, OFTEN USING YOUR
HANDS TO HELP YOU.

GLOOMILY

IN AN UNHAPPY WAY, OR IN A WAY THAT EXPRESSES
LITTLE HOPE.

SCRAMBLE

TO MOVE YOUR HAND OR HEAD IN A WAY THAT TELLS
SOMEONE TO COME NEARER.

GRIN

IN A VERY SAD WAY.

TO FACE THE MUSIC

TO BECOME DRY, SMALLER AND COVERED WITH
LINES.