

Fever, 1793: Vocab for Chapters 15-end

destitute	extremely poor	“They were poor and near destitute ” (106).
famished	extremely hungry	Are you hungry? . . . “Yes, I’m famished ” (107).
stench	bad smell	I dislike the death stench of the hospital (108).
lurk	to sneak	“Thieves and wild men lurk on every corner” (116).
placid	calm; quiet	She said it in a placid voice (116).
helter-skelter	disorderly	“Tables and chairs lay helter-skelter ” (122).
lingered	slow in leaving	“The powerful stench of sickness lingered ” (123).
invalid	sickly person	“They thought there was still an invalid in the house” (125).
recuperate	recover from sickness	“You need time to recuperate ” (126).
edible	able to be eaten; eatable	I hoped to find something edible (128).
dote	shower with love	She wanted “to dote on him for a few days” (133).
brandish	shake or wave	He continued “to brandish [it] back and forth” (142).
queasy	feeling sick to the stomach	“I felt faint and queasy ” (155).
exorbitant	extreme; too much	“They charge exorbitant prices” (158).
pestilence	deadly disease	Only the rats benefit from the this pestilence (158).
cowered	show fear	“A small child cowered in the corner” (161).
disentangle	untangle	She disentangle herself from four arms (171).
weary	tired	“She was too weary to speak” (181).
purge	remove	They need to purge the sickness from their bodies.
putrid	rotten smelling	We have to clean the putrid vomit from the floor.
ominous	threatening	There was an ominous silence in the room.
fetid	stinking	The fetid stench was gone.
gaunt	extremely thin	We “were gaunt and pale” (219).
feign	pretend	“He would feign shock” (220).
entourage	group of followers	The president walked with his entourage .
wince	pained expression; flinch	“I winc ed as Silas pounced” (240).