

Wheels of Change by Darlene Beck Jacobson

This novel about progress – social, technological, and personal – features a lot of unusual words, some more common at the turn of the century, when it takes place, others more sophisticated than those a contemporary 12-year-old might use. Which words are old-fashioned? Which ones might you use in your own conversation or writing? Which ones sound more adult to you?

Vocabulary List

bellows
forge
fabric
wrath
unmentionables
succulent
lard
hoist
inspection
upholstery
cobblestone
indifference
reasonable
purchase
browsing
tempting
behold
teeming
spew
foul
offend
examine
phaeton carriage
precious
disposition
opportunity
expression
associate
Divine Intervention
humble
homemaker
canopy
refreshing
spectator
sizable
plumage
commotion
register
flounce
opinionated
proficient
competent
compromise
anvil
opportunity
apprentice
privy
assembly-line

obsolete
vise
pout
luxury
purveyor
wheedle
contraption
smirk
impression
scorch
deceitful
suffrage
household
function
meticulous
linger
shears
misled
policy
expertise
pneumonia
condone
catalyst
ignorant
icebox
conundrum
trough
vulgar
druggist
bunting
suffragists
abomination
gristle
bicarbonate of soda
dawdle
discourse
tainted
outing
nickelodeon
unseemly
swoon
tinkerer
incident
occupation
domestic
maroon
corset
white supremacist
investment
fledgling
grackle
Brougham
avocation
Rough Rider
intervention
workmanship
perspicacious
parquetry

pince-nez
mortgage