

Word Substitution List, *I'm Thinking of Ending Things*

Pages 1-11

- Pg 1 **conceived** – made
- Pg 3 **Vacant** – empty
- Pg 3 **it becomes really farmy** – the area becomes nothing but farms (and no place to eat)
- Pg 3 **nostalgic** – looking at the past fondly
- Pg 3 **spread** – dinner
- Pg 4 **warrant** – justify, have a need for
- Pg 4 **gin** – alcohol
- Pg 5 **retroactively** – afterward (after their relationship has ended)
- Pg 5 **deserted** – empty
- Pg 5 **by default** – because this is where I grew up; without wanting to
- Pg 6 **foundation** – the basement and floor
- Pg 6 **decrepit** – old, worn out
- Pg 6 **swing set** – swings for children to play on
- Pg 6 **hypnotic** – soothing, calming
- Pg 7 **Trivia night at the campus pub** – Game night at the bar (alcohol) on the university campus
- Pg 7 **pitcher** – a pitcher (large container) of beer
- Pg 7 **Era of Stagnation** – Historical period of no growth, no inventions
- Pg 7 **monster...** - huge eyebrows
- Pg 8 **obscure** – unknown
- Pg 8 **blatant sexual innuendos** – obvious sexual references
- Pg 8 **nitpicky** – detailed
- Pg 8 **veiled as apathy** – disguised as not caring
- Pg 8 **striking** – handsome

- Pg 8 **stainless** – perfect (unstained)
- Pg 8 **gaunt** – thin
- Pg 8 **index finger on the bridge** – first finger on the middle of the glasses (that rests on the nose)
- Pg 8 **tick** – repetitive action
- Pg 9 **We're helpfully fortified** – The beer helps
- Pg 9 **Ice broken** – silence broken (conversation started)
- Pg 9 **cruciverbalist** – someone who makes up crossword puzzles
- Pg 9 **noncommittal** – vague, neutral, ambiguous
- Pg 9 **reticence** – reluctance (to show his intelligence)
- Pg 9 **pick me up** – get me to date him, get my phone number, or get me to have sex with him
- Pg 9 **No cheesy lines** – He didn't say any of the stupid things men often say to women to pick them up (see above)
- Pg 10 **pedantic/off-putting** – overly detailed/unappealing
- Pg 10 **meekness** – shyness; quietness
- Pg 10 **definitive** – confident, comprehensive
- Pg 10 **vener of restraint** – outer shell of shyness
- Pg 10 **see him around** – see him around campus

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- Pg 13 **on a whim** – on impulse, without thinking ahead
- Pg 13 **Standoffish** – Doesn't like to interact with other people; boorish

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- Pg 15 **slick** – icy, slippery
- Pg 15 **condensed** – smaller
- Pg 15 **Uma Thurman** – actress

Pg 15 **compressed** – squeezed together

Pg 16 **therapeutic** – healing

Pg 16 **fooled around** – had sex

Pg 16 **making out** – kissing

Pg 16 **tap** - water

Pg 17 **nebulous** – foggy, unclear

Pg 17 **make of it** – think of it (the story about the man at her window)

Pg 17 **came to mind** – came into my mind, made me think of it

Pg 17 **menacing** – threatening

Pg 17 **Instinct always trumps reason** – what we feel is more important than what we think

Pg 17 **sinister** – frightening, scary

Pg 17 **coming to** – slow awakening

Pg 17 **tucked in** – put to bed with the covers tucked under her, nice and snug

Pg 18 **metronomic** – steady beating

Pg 18 **addled** – confused

Pg 18 **torso** – body

Pg 19 **malice** – danger, being threatening

Pg 19 **pernicious** – hurtful, harmful

Pg 20 **veiny** – had visible veins

Pg 20 **flushed** – pink, rosy

Pg 21 **therapeutic** – healing

Pg 21 **tossed and turned** – rolled over and around in bed (couldn't sleep)

Pg 22 **strained timbre...** - tense tone and a quiet, slow way of talking

Pg 22 **flat female intonation** – monotone or uninteresting female voice

Pg 22 **distorted** – changed, different

Pg 22 **effeminate** – feminine

Pg 23 **did a double take** – looked twice

Pg 23 **eerie** – creepy, scary, weird

Pg 23 **lucid** – thinking clearly, sane

Pg 23 **babble** – nonsense words

Pg 24 **on edge** – anxious

Pg 25 **converse** – have a conversation

Pg 25 **cryptic** – puzzling, hard to understand

Pg 25 **lucid** – thinking clearly, sane

Pg 25 **had gone too far** – became too much for me

Pg 26 **off the top of his head** – randomly

Pg 26 **heaving** – going up and down (breathing hard)

Pg 26 **fluke** – coincidence (that he mentioned her nail biting)

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Pg 27 **pecan galette** – pecan (nut) cake

Pg 27 **depressed** – feeling very sad all the time

Pg 27 **antidepressants** – medicine for depression

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Pg 29 **valence** – chemistry, attraction

Pg 29 **so into** – so involved in, so interested in

Pg 30 **just for the sake of it** – for no real reason

Pg 30 **inherently** – by their nature

Pg 30 **off guard** – by surprise

Pg 30 **eye boogers** – the tiny bits that collect in the corners of your eyes

Pg 31 **distractedly** – without thinking

Pg 31 **residue** – film (the white stuff on his mouth)

Pg 31 **prominent** – obvious, easily visible

Pg 31 **Adam’s apple** – the part of the throat that sticks out, especially on men, and moves when they talk or swallow

Pg 31 **post-eating** – after eating

Pg 31 **dwell** – linger, keep thinking about

Pg 31 **banal** – boring

Pg 31 **full professor** – full-time professor

Pg 31 **tenure** – job safety for professors

Pg 32 **misanthropic** – unhuman

Pg 32 **Checks in all the boxes** – as if she’s made a list and has checked all the items on the list

Pg 32 **hydraulic** – machine-like

Pg 32 **unalloyed** – total, pure

Pages 33-36

Pg 33 **overthink** – think too much about

Pg 33 **Get out of...** - skip this sentence

Pg 33 **sours** – goes bad (the milk gets tastes sour)

Pg 34 **planetary alignment** – lining up of the planets

Pg 34 **nitrogen, carbon dioxide** – elements (chemicals) in the Earth’s atmosphere (air)

Pg 34 **core** – center

Pg 34 **velocity** – speed

Pg 35 **entity** – thing, finite thing

Pg 35 **matter** – what things are made of

Pg 35 **It’s invisible ...** - this is just more explanation of stars and the universe

Pg 37 **vandal** – criminal

Pg 37 **graffiti** – unauthorized writing or spray painting on the sides of buildings or walls

Pg 39 **slouchy** – like he isn’t sitting up straight

Pg 39 **his posture** – the way he stands, walks, sits

Pg 39 **stature** – self, being, body

Pg 39 **lankiness** – thinness, long thin limbs

Pg 40 **bags** – puffiness, swelling

Pg 40 **stubble** – hair, the beginnings of a beard

Pg 40 **bedhead** – hair that hasn’t been combed after sleeping on it all night

Pg 40 **Gimme** – give me

Pg 41 **mottled** – speckled, spotted

Pg 41 **to the nth degree** – a lot, as much as possible

Pg 41 **bobbed** – bounced

Pg 42 **Meryl Streep** – actress

Pg 42 **umpire for** – judge of

Pg 42 **glove box** – storage compartment in the car

Pg 42 **Jung** – Swiss psychologist (1875-1961)

Pg 42 **conversely** – rather, the opposite

Pg 42 **trumps** – beats, is more important than

Pg 43 **a metaphor** – something that is similar, but not literally, the same as something else

Pg 43 **Cheshire Cat** - a kind of creepy cat who thought he was very clever



Pg 43 **into Jung** - a follower of psychologist Carl Jung

Pg 43 **gross you out** - repulse you, make you feel icky or uncomfortable

Pg 44 **tang** - sweet tartiness

Pg 44 **verses** - words (on the candy wrapper)

Pg 44 **lines** - words

Pg 45 **hopeless behind the wheel** - a terrible driver (it's hopeless that she can become a better driver, the person who sits behind the steering wheel)

Pg 45 **pointers** - instructions

Pg 45 **regardless** - even so; despite the fact that giving her lessons was pointless

Pg 45 **chats** - discussions

Pg 45 **full-on** - whole

Pg 45 **blew him away** - totally surprised him

Pg 45 **into the story** - engaged in the story, interested in the story

Pg 45 **out of the blue** - completely unexpected, randomly

Pg 46 **one was reliant** - a person was dependent on

Pg 46 **kind of snapped** - changed his mood abruptly (quickly, without warning)

Pg 47 **He was squished...** - It was a very tight fit

Pg 47 **soaked** - very wet

Pg 47 **make a point** - prove something

Pg 47 **came over you** - were you thinking

Pg 47 **animated** - expressive, emotional

Pg 48 **pickup** - truck

Pg 48 **make him out** - see him clearly

Pg 48 **absolute** - unchanging

Pg 48 **line** - thing to say

Pg 49 **relevant** - related to, appropriate

Pg 49 **dash** – dashboard

Pg 49 **rationality** – reasonableness

Pg 50 **full of shit** – lying

Pg 50 **blurs** – blurry (unclear) images

Pg 50 **opening myself** – leaving myself open

Pg 50 **Jeopardy!** – quiz game show where the correct answer is stated as a question

Pg 51 **far-fetched** – extreme

Pg 51 **algorithm** – set of rules

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Pg 53 **revarnishing** – painting

Pg 53 **varnish** – paint

Pg 53 **autopsy results** – the report from a doctor who examines a dead body to try to determine who the person died

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Pg 55 **inevitable** – going to happen

Pg 55 **trade-off** – exchange

Pg 55 **I'm with you** – I agree with you

Pg 55 **laugh lines** – wrinkles in the skin from laughing

Pg 56 **coupling up** – being a couple

Pg 56 **absentminded ticks** – unconscious repetitive movements

Pg 56 **Advil** – aspirin

Pg 56 **out of the blue** – randomly

Pg 57 **linty** – dirty

Pg 57 **Hershey's kiss** – chocolate candy

Pg 57 **threw me off** – unsettled me

Pg 57 **gestures** – behaviors, actions

Pg 57 **constructs** – ideas

Pg 57 **innate** – inborn, natural

- Pg 57 **Forfeiting** – giving up
- Pg 57 **solitude** – being alone
- Pg 58 **isolation** – distance from others
- Pg 58 **empathy** – compassion, caring for others
- Pg 59 **“shhh” a colleague** – tell a co-worker to be quiet
- Pg 59 **postdoc and thesis** – graduate college degrees (very high level degrees)
- Pg 59 **sub-microliter...** - science stuff 😊
- Pg 60 **TIRF paragraph and next 3 paragraphs by Jake** – more science stuff, high level microbiology
- Pg 61 **exquisite posture** – perfect way of sitting
- Pg 61 **discourse** – discussion
- Pg 61 **corny** – stupid, childish
- Pg 62 **trivial and inconsequential** – unimportant
- Pg 62 **metabolic alkalosis** – a change in the balance of acids in a person’s body
- Pg 62 **PH level** – the levels of acid in the body; the PH needs to be balanced to be healthy
- Pg 62 **current** – electrical feeling
- Pg 63 **rambling** – talking on and on and on
- Pg 63 **doze off** – go to sleep
- Pg 63 **anesthetic** – numbing
- Pg 63 **singular velocity of flow** – he’s using a science expression to describe their relationship
- Pg 63 **out of the blue** – random, unexpected
- Pg 63 **listless** – without energy, without direction
- Pg 63 **arbitrary** – by chance, random, unplanned
- Pg 64 **abstract** – not specific
- Pg 64 **limbs** – arms and/or legs
- Pg 64 **severed** – cut off
- Pg 65 **unnerving** – unsettling, disturbing
- Pg 65 **debilitating** – weakening
- Pg 65 **inadequacy** – not being good enough
- Pg 65 **profs** – professors
- Pg 66 **first-year philosophy** – the first philosophy class taken in college
- Pg 68 **in a row** – one after the other
- Pg 68 **coy** – evasive, not willing to share
- Pg 69 **stakes** – things of value
- Pg 69 **something’s on the line** – something can be won or lost
- Pg 69 **noncommittally** – without much interest
- Pg 70 **trumps** – beats, is more important than
- Pg 70 **pretty vicious snorer** – person who snores loudly
- Pg 70 **you’ve lost me** – I don’t understand what you’re saying
- Pg 70 **back road** – a small road, not a main road, often back roads are unpaved (dirt)
- Pg 70 **slept over** – slept at my house/apt
- Pg 71 **get into my head** – understand the way I think
- Pg 71 **grinds** – squeezes tightly (so the teeth make a noise)
- Pg 71 **simmers** – always there
- Pg 71 **twitches and ticks** – small movements
- Pg 71 **diluted** – made less than, diminished
- Pg 72 **chubby** – fat
- Pg 72 **shed** – discarded, disposed of
- Pg 72 **wilt/deplete** – fade/shrink
- Pg 73 **comatose** – deeply asleep
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- Pg 75 **reach out** – connect, call

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Pg 77 **potholed** – bumpy, holey (full of holes)

Pg 78 **long underwear** - leggings

Pg 78 **abridged** – shortened, condensed

Pg 78 **blustery** – windy, stormy, cold

Pg 78 **surveying** – looking at

Pg 78 **veggie** – vegetable

Pg 78 **silhouettes** – shapes

Pg 79 **vacantly** – without connecting, absently

Pg 79 **plywood** – wood

Pg 79 **cedar pillars** – wood posts

Pg 79 **dreary** – sad, depressing

Pg 79 **semidigested** – partially digested/eaten

Pg 79 **regurgitate** – bring back up from their stomach (almost like vomit)

Pg 79 **bolus** – regurgitated food

Pg 79 **cud** – chewed food

Pg 79 **carcasses** – dead bodies (usually animals)

Pg 79 **synthetic/organic** – man-made/natural

Pg 80 **ten-out-of-ten** – completely (on a scale of 1-10, with 1 being alive and 10 being completely dead)

Pg 80 **bonfire** – a large fire

Pg 80 **inanimate** – skip this word

Pg 80 **pen** – enclosure, fenced area

Pg 81 **put down** – killed

Pg 82 **maggots** – insects that eat dead bodies

Pg 82 **Holy shit** – oh my gosh! Wow!

Pg 82 **shot** – not working right

Pg 82 **nonnegotiable** – cannot be negotiated, not up for discussion

Pg 83 **coop** – the building where the hens live

Pg 83 **roosting** – sitting on shelves/rails getting ready to sleep

Pg 83 **disgruntled** – unhappy

Pg 83 **Gross** – yuck, ewww, that's icky

Pg 83 **famished** – super hungry

Pg 83 **gaunt** – very thin

Pg 84 **foyer** – entryway

Pg 84 **antsy** – nervous, fidgety

Pg 84 **rummages** – digs

Pg 84 **bin** – basket, can

Pg 85 **threshold** – entryway

Pg 85 **Hand-me-down** – old, used

Pg 85 **trinket** – small item

Pg 85 **Hank Williams, Bill Monroe, Johnny Cash** – country & western singers

Pg 85 **vinyl** – records (not CDs)

Pg 86 **I assume...** - she's describing Jake's mom's collection of small porcelain statues/figurines

Pg 86 **mull** – think

Pg 86 **blurt it out** – suddenly say it

Pg 86 **It isn't finished** – the basement has not been remodeled

Pg 86 **registers** – hears

Pg 87 **stern-faced** – unsmiling

Page 89

Pg 89 **nonverbal** – someone who doesn't talk

Pg 89 **square in the eye** – directly

Pg 89 **gut** – instincts

Pg 89 **second-guessing after the fact** – questioning your actions after something has already happened

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- Pg 91 **shuffling** – movement
- Pg 91 **smear a knob** – spread a bit
- Pg 91 **ravenous** – super hungry
- Pg 92 **reserved, borderline standoffish** – quiet, almost to the point of being rude, distant
- Pg 92 **made-up** – full of makeup and maybe jewelry, her hair done in a fancy way
- Pg 92 **complexion** – skin
- Pg 92 **formal reception** – dressy dinner
- Pg 92 **underdressed** – not fancy enough
- Pg 93 **tinnitus** – a ringing sound in the ears (pronounced tin-eye-tis)
- Pg 93 **shovel** – put
- Pg 93 **step in here** – join the conversation
- Pg 94 **intelligible** – understandable
- Pg 94 **grasping at straws** – trying to find something to say; trying desperately
- Pg 95 **exchange a glance** – look at each other
- Pg 95 **sleep paralysis** – being unable to move (paralyzed) for a few minutes usually during waking
- Pg 95 **Debilitating** – crippling, weakening
- Pg 95 **animated** – energetic
- Pg 96 **put him out** – offended him, irritated him
- Pg 96 **Subtle** – small, hardly noticeable
- Pg 96 **Gestures** – movements, behaviors
- Pg 96 **tangible** – skip this word
- Pg 96 **composites** – blends, mixtures
- Pg 96 **run over** – hit by a car
- Pg 96 **Born and raised** – I was born and grew up (in the suburbs)
- Pg 97 **a contradiction** – opposite of what she just said
- Pg 97 **in the wink genus** – like a wink
- Pg 97 **a tick or deliberate** – an involuntary movement or done on purpose
- Pg 97 **oozy** – juicy
- Pg 98 **pass the time** – keep from being bored
- Pg 98 **If you're up for it** – if you want
- Pg 98 **impersonate** – pretend to be
- Pg 98 **cutlery** – silverware (fork, knife)
- Pg 98 **stalling** – trying to keep from playing the game for as long as I can
- Pg 98 **I'll go** – I'll take a turn next
- Pg 99 **That's the spirit** – What a good attitude!
- Pg 99 **mocking/mimicking** – making fun of/sounding like
- Pg 99 **off-putting** – unsettling
- Pg 99 **gag** – joking
- Pg 99 **buckles over** – bends over with laughter
- Pg 99 **landline** – house phone (not a cell phone)
- Pg 99 **chuckling** – laughing
- Pg 99 **medallion** – skip this word
- Pg 99 **twinge** – small feeling
- Pg 100 **I'm lactose intolerant** – I can't eat dairy products (so she can't have whipped cream)
- Pg 100 **glitch** – problem
- Pg 100 **distortion** – change
- Pg 100 **stuffed** – very full (of dinner)
- Pg 100 **hold off correcting** – decide not to correct
- Pg 100 **jolt** – sudden pain, sudden feeling
- Pg 101 **molars** – teeth
- Pg 101 **compost** – food scraps
- Pg 101 **a great conversationalist** – good at talking to other people/having a conversation

Pg 101 **quality intellectual interaction** – good conversation

Pg 102 **pitch black** – super dark

Pg 102 **flick** – turn

Pg 102 **resonant buzz** – humming sound

Pg 102 **antiseptic** – sterile

Pg 102 **jarring** – upsetting, unsettling

Pg 102 **dislodge the chunk** – move the bit

Pg 102 **vanity** – cupboard

Pg 102 **bags** – swelling, puffiness

Pg 103 **It seemed something was boiling over** – Something we talked about at dinner was now becoming an argument in the kitchen

Pg 103 **heated** – intense

Pg 103 **survey** – look at, take in

Pg 103 **basin** – sink

Pg 103 **bowl** – sink

Pg 103 **whirling the thing** – dropping the fly

Pg 104 **fling** – quickly throw

Pg 104 **run the tap** – turn on the water

Pg 105 **hinges** – metal parts that hold the door to the wall

Pg 105 **bulb buzzes on** – light bulb comes on

Pg 105 **A dull...** - just descriptions of the noise

Pg 105 **precarious** – dangerous

Pg 105 **banister** – railing (to hang onto)

Pg 105 **trapdoor** – a simple door with no doorknob, usually a door on the floor. This one seems to be above her since it hides the stairs when closed.

Pg 105 **slab** – piece

Pg 105 **atop the gravel floor** – on top of the floor made of small rocks

Pg 105 **beamed ceiling** – ceiling with long pieces of wood (beams) across it

Pg 106 **electrical panel** – metal box on the wall holding all of the electrical circuits for the house

Pg 106 **bedrock** – a type of rock

Pg 106 **table tennis** – ping pong table

Pg 106 **Dank** – wet, stuffy, smelly

Pg 106 **oscillating** – skip this word

Pg 106 **slab** – cement

Pg 106 **stretches** – periods of time

Pg 107 **piece** – painting

Pg 107 **an entity** – skip these words

Pg 107 **This integration reflects** – this paragraph is just Jake going on and on about philosophy. His exact argument is not important. Skip this paragraph.

Pg 108 **Allegory...** - again, more philosophical thinking by Jake. Skip this paragraph.

Pg 108 **figure** – person

Pg 109 **cordial** – friendly

Pg 109 **heated** – angry

Pg 109 **vent** – where the heat comes out

Pg 109 **sustainable** – something that can continue

Pg 109 **He threw it away** – He wasted his chances

Pg 109 **predictability** – things that are planned

Pg 109 **make it out** – understand what they're saying

Pg 109 **get out of his own head** – quit thinking so much

Pg 109 **down that path** - on that career

Pg 109 **make out** – understand

Pg 109 **go that route** – make those decisions

Pg 110 **Hold down** – keep (not get fired)

Pg 110 **decipher** – understand

Pg 110 **claustrophobia** – being trapped (fear of small spaces)

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Pg 111 **bled out** – bled to death (past tense of bleed)

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Pg 113 **table scraps** – leftover food

Pg 113 **compost in the** – skip these words

Pg 113 **treads** – steps

Pg 113 **single** – single/twin bed (bed size)

Pg 114 **bob** – bounce lightly

Pg 114 **saved up** – saved his money

Pg 115 **bandanna** – skip this word

Pg 115 **trembling** – shaking

Pg 116 **was still so reminiscent...** - still looked so much like the room of a book-loving high schooler

Pg 116 **work through things** – understand his problems

Pg 117 **checks** – looks

Pg 117 **innocuous** – innocent

Pg 117 **cochlear implants** – a surgery to improve or restore hearing

Pg 118 **Jakie** – Jake (Jakie is a nickname)

Pg 118 **plate of leftovers** – container of food

Pg 118 **fiddling** – playing

Pg 119 **drawn** – tired

Pg 119 **embrace** – hug

Pg 119 **in the works** – in production, being worked on

Pg 120 **dank** – dark and wet

Pg 120 **welled up** – filled with tears

Pg 120 **rehash** – go over, discuss

Pg 120 **losing steam** – getting tired

Pg 120 **fade** – get tired

Pg 121 **making small talk** – talking about little, insignificant things

Pg 121 **to bear** – responsibility

Pg 121 **drafts**- breezy areas, cold areas

Pg 121 **aerodynamic** – shaped in a way so they don't lose speed because of the wind

Pg 121 **antsy** – nervous

Pg 121 **boxy** – square-shaped

Pg 121 **unique** – one of a kind

Pg 122 **rant** – speech

Pg 122 **Steph** – short for Stephanie

Pg 123 **Dolly Parton** – country music singer

Pg 123 **narratives** – stories

Pg 123 **Nag** – bother, ask and keep asking

Pg 123 **fade** – go away

Pg 124 **took after** – is more like

Pg 124 **pry** – be nosy, intrude

Pg 124 **solitary** – alone, not social

Pg 124 **relate to** – get along with

Pg 125 **recourse to take** – options for solving this

Pg 125 **rehabilitated** – fixed, made normal again

Pg 125 **dynamic** – interactions

Pg 125 **on track** – in line, on the path

Pg 125 **small talk** – ordinary conversation

Pg 125 **accelerate** – go faster

Pg 126 **ultimatums** – “do this, or else!”

Pg 126 **sabotage** – destruction, wrecking of my life

Pg 126 **Subtle stuff** – things that were hardly noticeable

Pg 126 **lost it** – lost his mind

Pg 127 **trichotillomania** – a medical condition

Pg 127 **fragile** – unsteady emotionally

Pg 127 **quirks** – weird things about them

Pages 129-130

Pg 129 **meddle** – interfere

Pg 130 **penmanship** – writing style (not the words, just the way the letters are formed and written)

Pages 131-145

Pg 131 **pester** – bother

Pg 131 **taut** – tight

Pg 131 **I'm indifferent** – I don't care

Pg 131 **Dairy Queen** – an ice cream store

Pg 131 **intolerance** – lactose intolerance (she can't eat dairy products without feeling sick)

Pg 132 **introspective** – in our own heads; thinking about ourselves

Pg 132 **Skor Blizzard** – ice cream dessert

Pg 132 **migraine/migrainous** – severe headache

Pg 132 **Advil** – aspirin; pain reliever

Pg 133 **nauseated** – sick; like she's going to vomit

Pg 133 **Muzak** – unremarkable music commonly heard in restaurants, malls, retail stores

Pg 133 **prepped for** – ready to

Pg 133 **drone** – noise

Pg 133 **Subjectivity and...** - skip this sentence

Pg 134 **facets** – ways

Pg 134 **oblivious** – not to notice

Pg 135 **varnishing** – painting

Pg 135 **build** – body shape

Pg 135 **preps the cups** – gets the cups ready

Pg 136 **blush** – turn red

Pg 136 **divert my eye to** – look at

Pg 136 **snicker** – laugh

Pg 136 **lids the cup** – puts the lid on the cup

Pg 136 **machine whirls** – lemonade machine continues to spin (and make lemonade)

Pg 136 **antiseptic** – germ-free

Pg 136 **picking on you** – making fun of you (the skinny girl)

Pg 136 **distraught** – upset, stressed

Pg 136 **moldy** – crazy

Pg 137 **taken aback** – surprised

Pg 137 **pulse** – heartbeat

Pg 137 **dispenser** – napkin holder

Pg 138 **cloyingly** – too

Pg 138 **Blizzard** – a different ice cream dessert

Pg 139 **raising both hands** – raising her hands as if in surrender

Pg 140 **bit of a wasted stop** – kind of a waste of time, stopping at Dairy Queen

Pg 141 **gonna** – going to

Pg 141 **back road** – a small road, not a major road

Pg 142 **student body** – the number of students (who attend that school)

Pg 143 **'Kay** – okay

Pg 143 **pincers** – pinchers, grabbers

Pg 143 **pigeon-toed** – walking with the toes pointed inward

Pg 143 **stooped shoulders** – shoulder leaning forward, like he's bending over

Pg 143 **hunched** – bent over slightly, head down
Pg 143 **his posture** – the way he holds his body
Pg 143 **lope** – slow way of walking taking long steps (strides)
Pg 144 **flood** – floodlight (large light)
Pg 144 **bussed in** – brought in by school bus
Pg 145 **custodian** – janitor, cleaning person
Pg 145 **lingered** – stayed
Pg 145 **shaggy** – long and messy
Pg 145 **perpetually tidy** – always clean
Pg 145 **ghetto-blaster** – large radio/CD player
Pg 145 **cranked up** – turned up

Pages 146-187

Pg 146 **I felt for that girl** – I felt a connection with that girl; I felt her pain
Pg 146 **reading into things** – understanding more from her words than she meant
Pg 146 **glove box** – compartment in the car
Pg 147 **dumpster** – commercial trash bin
Pg 148 **in a forty-mile radius** – from 40 miles away
Pg 148 **derelict and...** - run-down and closed is untrue
Pg 149 **beater** – old car (truck) with no value
Pg 149 **mannerisms** – behaviors
Pg 149 **exhaust** – tail pipe of the truck
Pg 149 **condensation** – water (that forms from steam)
Pg 150 **car pool** – several people driving somewhere together
Pg 150 **Clogged** stopped, unflushable
Pg 150 **piss** – urinate, pee
Pg 150 **in shambles** – a mess

Pg 150 **throb** – hurt
Pg 151 **out of character for Jake** – unlike Jake
Pg 152 **vague bickering** – mild arguing
Pg 152 **a little off** – not quite right
Pg 152 **brace** – lean back
Pg 153 **Steph** – Stephanie
Pg 153 **recoils** – leans back
Pg 153 **some condensation away** – a small “window” to see through
Pg 153 **pit in my stomach** – a bad feeling in my stomach, like a knot
Pg 154 **creeping me out** – scaring me
Pg 154 **fucking bullshit** – making me super angry
Pg 155 **leering** – looking at us in a weird way (sexual)
Pg 155 **It’s fucked up** – This isn’t right.
Pg 155 **fucking pervert** – sexually weird person
Pg 156 **out of character** – unlike him
Pg 156 **had a temper** – got angry so easily
Pg 156 **short fuse** – quick temper, easy to anger
Pg 156 **road rage** – anger while driving
Pg 156 **bring him back to his senses** – make him think calmly and rationally
Pg 156 **storming** – walking/running angrily
Pg 157 **vulnerable** – open to attack or harm
Pg 157 **think straight** – think clearly
Pg 157 **lost my temper** – gotten angry; become angry
Pg 157 **freaked me out** – scared me
Pg 157 **outdated** – old-fashioned
Pg 157 **custodian** – janitor, cleaner
Pg 157 **solitude** – time alone

Pg 158 **fallout** – mess the students leave behind

Pg 158 **small talk** – meaningless conversation

Pg 158 **abrupt metallic clang** – sudden metal-sounding noise

Pg 158 **yellow flood** – yellow light of the large light (on the school)

Pg 159 **I cherish my solitude** – I love being alone

Pg 160 **evaporates** – disappears

Pg 161 **peer** – look

Pg 161 **visor my eyes** – shield my eyes (from the snow)

Pg 161 **dented and warped** – bent, twisted

Pg 161 **play structure** – place for children to play

Pg 161 **Dumpsters** – commercial trash bins (large)

Pg 161 **skittish** – nervous

Pg 161 **There's no mesh...** - the basketball courts are old and need repairs

Pg 162 **perception of our...** - idea that our relationship was getting stronger

Pg 162 **dangling** – hanging

Pg 163 **nostrils** – nose

Pg 163 **stoop-shouldered** – rounded shoulders, like on an old person

Pg 163 **squinting** – closing my eyes in order to see better

Pg 164 **try it** – try to open it

Pg 165 **vertical, rectangular** – tall and narrow

Pg 165 **dim** – low

Pg 165 **dingy** – dirty

Pg 166 **reluctant** – unwilling, hesitant (to have his picture taken)

Pg 166 **blotchy** – spotty, unclear

Pg 167 **static** – gray and unclear

Pg 167 **The shot** – the picture on the TV screen

Pg 168 **The shot zooms in** – the picture on the TV shows a closer image of the truck

Pg 168 **wave someone down** – alert a passing car

Pg 169 **regroup** – think things through

Pg 169 **glimmer** – shine

Pg 169 **pickup** – truck

Pg 170 **surge** – feeling

Pg 170 **glowing vending machines** – bright machines selling soda and snacks

Pg 171 **PA system** – loudspeakers

Pg 171 **crouch** – sit, squat

Pg 172 **No jump scares** – scary scenes (in a movie) that make her jump with fright

Pg 172 **disorients** – confuses

Pg 172 **unsettles what's taken for granted** – confuses things that we think we know for sure

Pg 172 **I've got it, you can hang up now** – I have answered the phone, you (Stephanie) can hang up the phone you're holding now (meaning: stop listening to this conversation)

Pg 172 **cast** – a hard covering to protect a broken bone

Pg 173 **chatted** – talked

Pg 173 **petrified** – terrified, very scared

Pg 174 **put on** – fake nice

Pg 174 **glared** – looked harshly

Pg 174 **humiliated** – embarrassed

Pg 174 **trivialities** – insignificant things

Pg 174 **blush** – get hot and pink

Pg 174 **fluke** – chance, random, coincidental

Pg 175 **dehydrated** – dry, in need of water

Pg 175 **back to herself** – feeling like herself

Pg 175 **epiphany** – discovery

Pg 175 **constraints** – limitations, conditions

Pg 175 **bluffed** – pretended

Pg 175 **contort myself** – bend my body

Pg 176 **inflicting** – causing

Pg 177 **bleak** – bare and depressing

Pg 177 **turn in on themselves** – go in circles

Pg 177 **grotesque** – sick

Pg 177 **Lab stations** – desk areas for science experiments

Pg 177 **formal** – dance

Pg 177 **incapacitated with fear** – unable to move or think because of fear

Pg 178 **dart** – run

Pg 178 **latch** – close it all the way

Pg 178 **X-ACTO knife** – a cutting tool that holds a razor blade

Pg 179 **duck** – hide

Pg 179 **whiteboards** – space to write at the front of the room (like old-time chalk boards)

Pg 179 **high marks** – good grades

Pg 179 **oblivion** – being unknown; invisible

Pg 180 **It's not sustainable, but...** – it (their relationship) can't keep going, but that doesn't matter now

Pg 180 **He's coming into his own** – He's becoming his own person, finding out who he is

Pg 180 **slink** – move quietly, secretly

Pg 182 **surreal** – not of this world

Pg 182 **vile** – evil, disgusting

Pg 182 **irreversible intentions** – plans that can't be changed

Pg 182 **saliva** – fluid in the mouth

Pg 182 **Everything is just off** – everything is just not right, not normal

Pg 183 **spurs** – the little metal “stars” on the heel of a cowboy's boots, they make a little noise



Pg 184 **stalls** – partial walls around a toilet

Pg 184 **bank of taps** – row of sinks

Pg 185 **jet** – water (coming out of the showerhead)

Pg 186 **I think there's a...** - I think there's this idea that fear and terror are short-lived, that they go away quickly.

Pg 186 **subdue it** – keep it down, minimize it

Pg 186 **fester** – get worse (like an infection)

Pg 186 **emits** – gives off

Pg 186 **wick** – string that sticks out of a candle (this is what you light with a match)

Pg 187 **I was settling** – I was willing to accept something that was less than perfect

Pages 189-190

Pg 189 **previous incidents** – problems in his past

Pg 189 **cochlear implants** – hearing aids

Pg 189 **constitution** – digestive system

Pg 189 **boiler room** – place with heat or steam equipment is kept

Pg 189 **Always his nose in a book** – Always reading

Pg 190 **“Shhh-ed” me** – asked me to be quiet

Pg 190 **pushing a mop** – working as a janitor

Pg 190 **custodian** – janitor (cleaning person)

Pages 191-197

Pg 191 **poorly** – sick, sickly

Pg 191 **underlying resentment from each for the other** – hidden dislike of each of them for the other

Pg 192 **perpetually overlooked** – constantly forgotten, continually missed

Pg 192 **ethereal and clunky** – heavenly and coarse; delicate and heavy

Pg 192 **grace** - honor

Pg 193 **Distorted. Blurry. Fragmented. Explicit and unmistakable.** – Skewed, twisted. Unclear, fuzzy. In pieces. Complete and recognizable.

Pages 199-207

Pg 201 **disguise** – cover up

Pg 201 **abstractions** – ideas

Pg 201 **constructions** – ideas, inventions

Pg 201 **Allegory, elaborate metaphor...** - we don't understand how important something is when we experience it, only through examples do we recognize the importance of life's experiences

Pg 201 **pub** – bar (alcohol restaurant)

Pg 201 **absentmindedly** – without thinking

Pg 201 **ticks** – repetitive habits

Pg 201 **in her own skin** – being herself

Pg 201 **Empirically** – observably

Pg 202 **We're helpfully fortified** – That's because we have beer

Pg 202 **his number** – his phone number

Pg 202 **run into her** – meet her accidentally

Pg 202 **that it might have progressed** – that their relationship/friendship might have gone farther than it did during their first meeting

Pg 203 **onus** – burden, responsibility

Pg 203 **inconsequential** – of no significance, unimportant

Pg 203 **infrastructure life's built on** – way life is

Pg 203 **mere endurance** – just getting through each day

Pg 203 **sustain** – live, stay alive

Pg 204 **Interaction, connection is compulsory** – interacting with other people is required

Pg 204 **Solitude won't sustain us forever** – being alone won't work forever

Pg 204 **muffle** – silence, quiet, soften

Pg 205 **maggots** – insect larvae (babies)

Pg 205 **Critical** – skip this word

Pg 205 **Our temperature controlled...** - the rest of this is just a description of a science (biology) laboratory

Pg 206 **It's all the extra mass...** - more science (astronomy) information

Pg 206 **stubble** – stiff hairs (because he hasn't shaved today)

Pg 206 **jam** – push, force

Pg 206 **slam** – push forcefully

Pg 206 **punctures** – holes

Pg 207 **steady one with the other** – use one hand to keep the other hand from shaking

Pages 209-210

Pg 210 **circle back** – go back to the beginning