# Game of Thrones Vocabulary

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## **Winter Is Coming**

Lot: a group of people or things of a particular kind

Wildling: a wild animal

**Dire wolf:** a large extinct mammal of the Pleistocene Epoch, similar to a wolf

**Sigil:** 1. a seal or signet 2. a sign or image that is supposed to have magical power

**Mink:** a semiaquatic carnivorous member of the weasel family with webbed toes and a bushy tail

**Imp:** 1. a small, mischievous, imaginary being 2. a high-spirited or mischievous child 3. a small demon or devil

Whore: an offensive term meaning to be a regular customer of prostitutes

## The Kingsroad

Brutish: cruel, ruthless, or violent in behavior, actions, or instincts

Wintry: relating to or typical of winter, especially in being cold

Have half a mind to: to have the intention of

**Wench:** 1. formerly, a girl or young woman who worked at a paid job, usually as a servant or on a farm 2. an offensive term for a prostitute or a woman who is regarded as sexually promiscuous 3. an offensive term for a young woman

Whetstone: a stone used to sharpen the cutting edge or blade of a tool or weapon by rubbing

Wet nurse: a woman who breast-feeds and takes care of another woman's baby

Steward: somebody who manages somebody else's property, finances, or household

**Sure-footed:** skilled and confident in moving or climbing, and so unlikely to stumble or fall

Magister: Latin for master or teacher

**Pincers:** a tool resembling a pair of pliers or scissors that has curved pivoted jaws that are used to grip something such as a nail when they are closed

Justice: a judge, especially of a higher court

**Ride down:** to hit and knock down somebody while riding, especially on horseback

# **Lord Snow**

**Pike:** a weapon, formerly used by foot soldiers, consisting of a long pole with a pointed metal head

Name day: in the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches, the feast day of the saint that somebody is named for

Master-at-arms: an officer of a fraternal organization, veterans' society, or the like, empowered to maintain order, exclude unauthorized persons, etc

Rave: to speak or say something in a loud, irrational, or incoherent way

Outfox: to defeat somebody by being more cunning

Slog: to walk slowly with great effort

Highborn: born into an aristocratic or wealthy family

Breastplate: a piece of armor that covers the chest

Bend the knee: to kneel or submit

**Sentry:** somebody who is assigned to keep watch and to warn of danger, especially a member of the armed services who guards entrances and exits

Squire: a young apprentice knight who acted as an attendant to a knight in the Middle Ages

**Riposte:** in fencing, a quick deft thrust made after parrying the lunge of an opponent

Plump: rounded and somewhat overweight

Ghoul: a supposed evil and terrifying spirit

Grubby: disliked or despised, especially for being sordid or dishonorable

**Hack:** to cut or chop something by striking it with short repeated blows using a sharp tool such as a knife or an ax

Hammer: to hit or strike something hard and repeatedly

Hup: used when marching to mark time or when lifting or raising something

# **Cripples, Bastards, and Broken Things**

Coop up: to keep somebody in a confined space

**Yearling:** 1. an animal between one and two years of age, e.g. a calf or deer 2. a racehorse that is one year old, as calculated from January 1 in the year after it was born

Lackey: a man servant, especially a footman or valet who wears a uniform

Stroke: a hit or blow made by the hand, a cane, or a tool

Twig: a small branch or shoot, especially one from a tree or bush

Bowlegged: having legs that curve outward around or below the knee area

Tourney: a tournament

**Ponderous:** 1. lumbering and laborious in movement 2. without liveliness or wit 3. disproportionately thick and heavy

**Tome:** 1. a book, especially a large heavy book on a serious subject 2. a single volume of a book made up of several volumes

Singularly: wholly

**Paragon:** somebody or something that is the very best example of something

Nippy: rather chilly

Spit: an elongated point of land or shoal projecting into a body of water

Pomp: a display of great splendor and magnificence

Favor: to resemble somebody, usually a parent, in appearance

# The Wolf and the Lion

**Heat:** a time during a female mammal's reproductive cycle when she is fertile and ready to mate

**Preen:** to feel excessively self-satisfied and display that feeling by gloating

**Primp:** to groom yourself, somebody, or something in a fussy way

**Kraken:** in Norwegian folklore, a huge sea monster shaped like a giant squid. Norwegian fishermen have periodically reported sightings since the 16th century.

Whelp: to give birth to young, especially baby carnivores

Industry: diligent hard work

**Purveyor:** 1. a supplier, seller, or circulator of something, especially something that is disapproved of or ridiculed 2. a person or company supplying goods, especially foods

**Discretion:** the ability to keep sensitive information secret

**Squirm:** 1. to wriggle the body, especially because of discomfort or in an attempt to break free from being held 2. to feel very uncomfortable, especially because of shame, embarrassment, or revulsion

**Muster:** to summon up something such as strength or courage that will help in doing something

**Hole up:** 1. to hide away somewhere 2. to go into a hole, cave, or other similar place to shelter or hibernate

#### A Golden Crown

Turnkey: a keeper of keys, especially in a jail

Flog: to hit a person or animal very hard using something such as a whip, strap, or stick

**Turtle=turtledove:** a slender dove with black-and-chestnut upper parts, a pink breast, and a black-and-white neck, noted for its purring call. Native to: Europe, migrating to Africa.

**Exhilarate:** to make somebody feel happy, excited, and more than usually vigorous and alive

Granary: warehouse or storeroom for grain

**Pitch:** a dark sticky substance obtained from tar and used in the building trades, especially for waterproofing roofs

**Brigand:** a bandit operating in wild or isolated terrain, usually as a member of a roving band

**Attaint:** formerly, to take away the civil rights of somebody outlawed or sentenced to death for having committed a serious crime, often treason

**Hearth:** the fireplace of a home, thought of as a symbol of the home and the life of the family who live in it

# You Win or You Die

Ease into: to maneuver gently and carefully, especially in a tight space, or to maneuver something in this way

 $\textbf{Confidant:} \ a \ person \ some body \ trusts \ and \ discusses \ personal \ matters \ and \ problems \ with$ 

**Plaything:** somebody or something used for amusement rather than being treated with respect or taken seriously

**Anvil:** a sturdy piece of iron onto which heated metal is placed to be beaten into the required shape, especially by a blacksmith

Thrust: a piercing or stabbing action

Reel from: to feel giddy or shocked and confused

Cask: a wooden barrel containing alcoholic drink

**Rookery:** a breeding or living area for large numbers of animals, especially birds or mammals, that come together in colonies to nest or breed

**Regent:** somebody who rules on behalf of a monarch who is unable to rule because of youth, illness, or absence

**Retainer:** in former times, a soldier or other person who supported or was dependent on somebody of high rank

Fealty: the loyalty sworn to a feudal lord by a vassal or tenant

# The Pointy End

Consort: the husband or wife of a reigning monarch

**Hatch:** to secretly devise a plot, plan, or scheme, usually an illicit or illegal one, or one that is ill-advised in some way

**Toady:** a self-serving person who behaves in a servile sycophantic manner, fawning on and flattering people with power or influence

Fester: to produce pus because of an infection or ulceration, usually of the skin

Vanguard: the military divisions of an army or navy that lead the advance into battle

Root out: to find or remove something after rummaging for it

Keep: a stronghold or the innermost fortified part of a castle

Bare: to remove a covering from something

**Liege:** 1. a lord or sovereign who deserves loyalty and service under feudal law 2. a vassal or subject who owes loyalty and service to a lord or sovereign under feudal law

Host: an army

Squall: to cry or yell hoarsely

Gorget: a crescent-shaped piece of armor for protecting the throat

Trident: an instrument, spear, or weapon with three prongs

Brush: a dense undergrowth of small trees and bushes

Stout: strong and substantial in structure

Forth: out into view

**Noxious:** 1. harmful to life or health, especially by being poisonous 2. likely to cause moral, spiritual, or social harm or corruption 3. very unpleasant

#### Baelor

Obsequious: excessively eager to please or obey

Battlement: a defensive or decorative parapet with indentations

Pommel: the knob at the hilt of a sword

Levy: a group of soldiers drafted under government authority

Pluck: to take something away swiftly, often by means of skill or strength

Wheelwright: somebody who makes and repairs wheels, especially the wheels of carriages and wagons

Flagon: a container for beverages with a handle, narrow neck, spout, and sometimes a lid

# Fire and Blood

**Declare for:** to announce a choice or decision formally and publicly

Sue: to make a humble, earnest, or begging request for something

**Visor:** a hinged metal front part of a medieval helmet in a suit of armor, designed to protect the face and fitted with slits for the eyes to see through

Simper: to smile in an affected, coy, and usually irritating way

**Grasper:** somebody who is greedy for money

Gutter: of the most vulgar, corrupt, or morally degraded kind

**Highwayman:** formerly, somebody who forced people traveling by road to stop, usually at gunpoint, and robbed them

Armorer: somebody who makes armor and weapons

**Pyre:** a pile of burning material, especially a pile of wood on which a dead body is ceremonially cremated

#### The North Remembers

Conclave: a private gathering of a select group of people, where discussions are kept secret

Ravishing: extremely delightful or beautiful

Redeeming: compensating for faults or flaws

Twat: a highly offensive term for a woman's vagina or genital area

**Fishwife:** 1. an offensive term for a woman who is regarded as loud-voiced and lacking in manners 2. a woman selling fish

Pace: a step taken when walking or running

Yoke: something that is felt to be oppressive and restrictive

String up: to suspend somebody or something on a string or strings

Vine: a plant that supports itself by climbing, twining, or creeping along a surface

Bawdy: ribald in a frank, humorous, and often crude way

There is a lid for every pot: there is a partner for everyone

The Night Lands

Nick: to make a notch, indentation, or small cut in something

Beggar: to be so extraordinary as to be beyond description or belief

**Reave:** 1. to plunder something or carry something off by force 2. to rob somebody or deprive somebody of something

Stand for: to put up with something

Cutthroat: a murderer or an aggressive dangerous person

Sickly: unhealthy, or tending to be frequently ill

# What Is Dead May Never Die

Tangle with: to become involved in a confrontation or disagreement with somebody, especially somebody powerful or important

Hall: the main house on a large estate

Scullion: a servant employed to perform menial kitchen chores

Ivory: a creamy white color, like that of an elephant's tusk

Insalubrious: not pleasant, healthy, or wholesome

**Snigger=snicker:** to laugh disrespectfully in a covert way

Consecrate: to dedicate somebody or something to a particular purpose

**Stockade:** 1. a tall fence or enclosure made of wooden posts driven into the ground side by side to keep out enemies or intruders 2. an area surrounded by a stockade 3. a prison on a military base, especially an army or air force base

Stoat: an ermine, especially in its brown summer coat

**Crossbow:** a medieval weapon, or its modern sports successor, consisting of a bow attached crosswise to a stock with a cranking mechanism and a trigger. A crossbow fires short heavy arrows called bolts or quarrels.

# **Garden of Bones**

**Flay:** 1. to whip or beat a person or animal severely 2. to remove the skin or outer covering from somebody or something

Fall on: to attack somebody vigorously, especially by surprise

Bore: somebody or something regarded as wholly uninteresting or tiresome

Bedchamber: a bedroom

**Death rattle:** a rough gurgling noise that sometimes comes from somebody's throat at the moment of death, caused by breath passing through mucus

Strike: to lower something such as a flag or sail, especially as a sign of respect or surrender

Bolt: a rolled length of fabric or wallpaper

Cupbearer: a servant who pours wine, especially one employed in a royal household

Mull: to heat, sweeten, and flavor wine, beer, or cider

Grovel: to crawl or lie face down on the ground in humility or fear

**Knucklebone:** a knobby bone forming part of a joint in the human finger

## The Ghost of Harrenhal

Outspend: to spend more than somebody else

Pyromancy: attempting to tell the future by using fire or flames

Make short work of: to handle or dispose of very quickly

Cut both ways: to affect both sides of something, as two parties in an argument, etc

Go on: to talk too much and much too long

Fornicate: to have sexual intercourse outside marriage

**Prance:** to walk or move in a lively, but often exaggerated way that suggests arrogance

**Overextend:** to risk financial ruin by borrowing excessively, spending too much, or overcommitting resources

Turn: to become rancid or sour

**Tallow:** a hard fatty substance extracted from the fat of sheep and cattle. Use: candles, soap.

Wight: a living being, especially a human being

Manservant: a man who is a servant, especially somebody's valet

# The Old Gods and the New

**Grappling=grapnel:** a device consisting of an iron shaft with several hooks at one end and a rope at the other by which it can be thrown to attach itself to something

**Better:** a person who is superior to another in some way (often used in the plural)

**Dockworker=longshoreman:** somebody whose job is to load and unload cargo vessels in a port

Exalted: grand or noble in character

Forlorn: lonely and miserable, as though deserted or abandoned

# A Man Without Honor

**Wolfsbane:** a wild or cultivated poisonous plant. Flowers: yellow or purplish blue. Use: medicines.

**Jonquil:** a variety of narcissus. Flowers: small, fragrant, yellow. Native to: southern Europe.

Pen: an enclosed area where somebody or something is confined or controlled

**Turpentine:** a colorless, flammable, strong-smelling essential oil. Use: paint solvent, in medicine.

**Fennel:** an aromatic plant, the seeds and feathery leaves of which have a light aniseed flavor. Use: cooking. Native to: Europe.

**Pelt:** 1. the skin of an animal with the fur, hair, or wool still attached 2. the skin of an animal with the fur, hair, or wool removed so that it is ready for tanning into leather

List: an area of combat in a medieval tournament enclosed by a fence of high stakes

**Overreach:** 1. to fail through trying to do something that is too ambitious 2. to reach or extend too far or beyond something 3. to get the better of somebody by trickery or deception

**Stand down:** to end somebody's period of duty, or go off duty, especially military duty

**Light:** the manner in which somebody or something is regarded, especially by the public

## The Prince of Winterfell

Charwoman: a woman employed to clean a house or office

Starburst: a pattern of lines or light rays radiating outward from a center

**Mallet:** a tool with a large usually wooden or metal head that is used for driving another tool such as a chisel or for striking or molding a material. The head of a mallet is larger than that of a hammer and usually cylindrical in shape.

Piecrust: the crust of a pie

Latrine: a toilet, especially a communal one on a military base

**Lamprey:** a freshwater jawless fish with a round sucking mouth for attaching itself to other fish and, in the case of adults, feeding parasitically on their blood.

Employ: the condition of working for pay

Blather: to talk in an unintelligent or inane manner, especially at length

**Merman:** a mythical sea creature with the head and upper body of a man and the tail of a fish instead of legs

Crabber: a crab fisherman

Teat: same as tit

Suckle: to take milk from a mother's breast, teat, or udder, or allow a young child or animal to do this

Double back: to turn around and retrace your steps

# Blackwater

**Nightshade:** a wild plant, related to potatoes, tomatoes, and eggplants, with flowers that have five petals, and small berries. Some are poisonous, e.g. deadly nightshade.

Efficacious: having the power to produce a desired result, especially an improvement

Ragged: extremely tired or anxious

Scrap: a minor fight or disagreement

Sack: to destroy a captured town or city and plunder its goods and valuables

Pinch: to arrest somebody for wrongdoing

**Dissension:** disagreement or difference of opinion, especially when leading to open conflict

Mutiny: to take part in a rebellion against legal authority

Groom: an officer in a royal household

Small: humble or modest

Nock: to place an arrow on a bowstring

Fast: firmly attached, fastened, or fixed

**Stand to:** to take up position in readiness for military action, or make somebody do this

Man: to be ready to operate or defend something

Below: on or to a level of a ship or boat that is lower than the deck

**Wretched:** 1. feeling very unhappy or ill 2. in a state of great hardship, deprivation, and hopelessness and arousing sympathy in others 3. seriously inadequate or of very low quality 4. provoking irritation or anger

**Crow:** to boast about personal success or celebrate about something another person has failed to do in a noisy and exuberant way

Loose: to fire an arrow, bullet, or other missile

**Heave:** to exert great physical effort, especially in concentrated or concerted rhythmic bursts, when pulling on a rope or attempting to move something heavy

Stand fast: to maintain one's position firmly

#### Valar Morghulis

Fling: to move forcefully in a way that seems impressive or dramatic

**Cross:** to do something that goes against somebody's wishes or that annoys or frustrates somebody

**Crone:** 1. an offensive term that deliberately insults a woman's age, appearance, and temperament 2. a woman aged over 40

**Rattle:** a baby's toy consisting of a hollow shape with small objects inside, that rattles when it is shaken

#### Valar Dohaeris

Comedown: a decline in status or position

Grub: the larva of various insects, especially beetles

Harlot: same as prostitute

**Court:** an occasion when a king or queen and the ministers, courtiers, and officials of the royal household are assembled

Foray: a sudden attack or raid by a military force

**Trundle:** to move slowly and heavily, especially on wheels or rollers, or move something in this way

Garland: a wreath of intertwined flowers or leaves worn as an ornament or as a sign of honor

Watch out (for someone with someone): to be careful, alert, or wary

Unsullied: (of a reputation, etc) not stained or tarnished

Uphold: to provide somebody with moral support, or inspire somebody with confidence

Complement: a quantity of people or things that is considered complete

# **Dark Wings, Dark Words**

Garrison: to station troops at a military post

**Manacle:** either of a pair of metal rings joined by a chain and fastened around the wrists of a prisoner to be restrained

Mute: an offensive term for somebody who is unable or unwilling to speak

Towhead: somebody with pale yellow hair

Fall on one's sword: assume responsibility or blame on behalf of other people, especially by resigning from a position

**Archway:** an entrance or passage under one or more arches, or an arch that forms an entrance

Proclivity: a natural tendency to behave in a particular way

**Dear:** somebody who is loved or valued, especially for being kind or thoughtful

**Hawk:** to hunt for prey on the wing, or hunt for prey using hawks and similar birds of prey

**Minstrel:** a medieval singer, musician, or reciter of poetry who traveled around from place to place giving performances

**Bolt:** a short arrow for use with a crossbow

**Corn:** a hardened or thickened, often painful, area of skin, usually on a toe, caused by friction or pressure

# Walk of Punishment

Far be it from me: I would not presume; on no account

Hear, hear: used as an exclamation to show great approval

Forge: a workshop where metal is heated and shaped into objects by hammering

Innkeeper: an owner or manager of an inn

**Tether:** to tie something, especially an animal, with a rope or chain in order to restrict its movement

Sow: an adult female hog

**Grunt:** a half-nasal, half-throaty noise that a pig makes, or a vocal sound that resembles it

Pace yourself: to run or work at an even, controlled speed so as not to waste energy

Poof: used to indicate that something happens suddenly

Jaunt: a trip, especially a short one taken for fun or pleasure

Skip: to move along by hopping from one foot to the other

Curry favor: to ingratiate oneself, especially with superiors

**Sapphire:** a clear hard precious stone that is a variety of the mineral corundum and is usually deep blue in color

**Besmirch:** 1. to bring shame or disgrace on somebody's reputation 2. to make something dirty

Famish: to be extremely hungry, or make somebody extremely hungry

**Partridge:** medium-sized, ground-nesting bird with variegated feathers, related to pheasants and grouse. Native to: Europe, Asia.

**Stump:** the base of a tree trunk and its roots after the tree has fallen or been cut down

## **And Now His Watch Is Ended**

Go in for: to enjoy a particular activity

Confidence: something told to somebody that is to be kept private

**Brazier:** a metal container used outdoors for burning coal or charcoal, either for cooking or to keep people warm

**Tendril:** a modified stem, leaf, or other part of a climbing plant, usually in the form of a thread, that coils around and attaches the plant to supporting objects

Lummox: somebody considered clumsy or unintelligent

Thimble: a small protective cap for a finger, used to push a needle through fabric

Shipboard: used, intended for, or occurring on board a ship

Featherbed: a mattress filled with feathers or down

Bluff: a high steep bank, cliff, or headland, especially one with a broad face

**Lord it (over somebody):** to act in a superior, masterful, or bullying way toward somebody

Lecherous: expressing or displaying lewdness and lust in a way regarded as distasteful

**Ride roughshod over somebody or something:** to dispose of somebody or something forcefully and inconsiderately

Chamber pot: a large bowl used in a bedroom for urination and defecation

Mince: to walk with small light steps in an affectedly dainty way

Porridge: same as oatmeal

Tap: to draw off liquid such as wine or beer from a barrel by means of a tap

Fill: a sufficient or excessive quantity of something

Larder: a supply of food

Unhand: to let somebody go by releasing a grasp

**Blackstrap:** a dark, very thick molasses, especially a residual product of sugar refining that is used in the manufacture of industrial alcohol and as an ingredient in cattle feed

**Molasses:** the thick sticky sweet syrup produced during the refining of raw sugar, which ranges in color from dark brown to gold

**Prowl:** to roam around an area stealthily in search of prey, food, or opportunity

Swineherd: somebody who tends hogs

Tanner: somebody who tans animal skins

Sling: (past and past participle slung) to throw, pass, or put something somewhere in a casual or careless way

**Bleeder:** 1. a person, such as a hemophiliac, who bleeds freely or is subject to frequent hemorrhages 2. a despicable person 3. any person; fellow

## Kissed by Fire

Corruption: rotting or putrefaction, or the state of being rotten or putrid

**Bushel:** 1. a unit of measure in the U.S. Customary system used for measuring dry goods, equal to 64 U.S. pints (35.24 liters) 2. a unit of dry or liquid measure in the British Imperial system, equal to 8 imperial gallons (36.37 liters), formerly used for measuring items such as wheat, fruit, and liquids

Debauched: unrestrainedly and immorally self-indulgent

Browbeat: to bully or intimidate somebody sternly

Wish on: to wish that something, usually something unpleasant, would happen to somebody

Reckoning: punishment or vengeance for wrongs committed

Sunken: appearing hollow or concave

Bicker: to argue in a bad-tempered way about something unimportant

Intended: the person to whom somebody is engaged to be married

Valor: courage, especially that shown in war or battle

**Broodmare:** a mare that is kept specially for breeding

# The Climb

Venison: the meat of a deer used as food

Strife: bitter and sometimes violent conflict, struggle, or rivalry

**Umber:** 1. pigment or dye made from soil that contains oxides of iron and manganese 2. a soil that yields umber. It is dark yellowish brown.

Restitution: compensation for a loss, damage, or injury

Attendant: associated with something, or resulting or following from it

Ferret: a typically albino polecat bred for use in hunting rabbits or rats and kept as a pet

Affliction: a condition of great physical or mental distress

Buggery: a highly offensive term for anal intercourse

**Tie someone (up) in knots:** to confuse somebody completely, especially in trying to explain something

**Brooch:** a piece of jewelry that is fastened to a garment by a hinged pin and catch. Brooches are usually worn by women on the upper part of a garment.

**Brocade:** a heavy silk, cotton, or woolen fabric with a raised design, often in metallic threads

**Fringe:** a decorative border of short parallel strands or raveled threads held closely together at one end by stitching and hanging loosely at the other end

**Doe-eyed:** having large appealing eyes that convey an impression of gentleness or naive innocence

# The Bear and the Maiden Fair

Prickly: easily angered, offended, or upset

Slick: having a smooth, glossy, or slippery surface

Curiosity: an interesting and unusual object, person, or phenomenon

Chip away: to destroy, reduce, or make something weaker by gradually and persistently attacking it

Stir: to move gently, or make something do this

**Scourge:** 1. to punish or criticize somebody severely 2. to whip somebody severely

Pauper: an impoverished person

**Poorhouse:** a publicly funded institution that formerly existed to house people who were too poor to provide for themselves

Garret: a room at the top of a house, immediately below the roof

## **Second Sons**

Company: a unit of soldiers, usually consisting of two or more platoons

Geld: to castrate an animal, especially a horse

Sheath: a case for the blade of a knife, sword, or other cutting implement

**Muzzle:** 1. to put a muzzle over the nose and jaws of an animal 2. to prevent a person or group from publicly expressing their views or opinions

**Dispense with:** 1. to manage without something 2. to get rid of something not wanted or needed

Guttural: characterized by harsh and grating speech sounds made in the throat or toward the back of the mouth

#### The Rains of Castamere

Slight: an action that shows contempt for somebody or something

**Sally port:** an opening in a fortification from which the defenders can make sallies (make offensive thrusts from a defensive position)

Sire: a respectful form of address for a king or lord

Remiss: careless or negligent about doing something that is expected

# Mhysa

**Pomposity:** an excessive sense of self-importance, usually displayed through exaggerated seriousness or stateliness in speech and manner

Truss: to tie somebody or something up tightly

Privy: an outhouse

Wisp: something that is thin and delicate like thread, especially a lock of hair, a piece of straw, or a streak of smoke

**Jolly:** 1. friendly and cheerful, especially in a hearty or exuberant way 2. happily festive in tone or mood 3. bringing pleasure or enjoyment

**Mooring:** something that gives a feeling of emotional or physical security, e.g. a family bond

Gillyflower: 1. a clove-scented pink or carnation 2. a scented flower, e.g. a stock or wallflower

Quill: an old-fashioned pen made from the shaft of a feather

Inkwell: a small container for ink, especially one that fits into a hole in a desk

Drudgery: exhausting, boring, unpleasant work

**Implore:** 1. to plead with somebody to do something 2. to beg or pray for something

#### Two Swords

Paramour: a lover, especially one in a relationship with a married person

**Canopy:** 1. a covering put above something to provide shelter or for decoration, especially a fabric covering that can be removed or folded away 2. a roofed structure that covers an area, especially one that shelters a passageway between two buildings

**Lecher:** a man who behaves lewdly and lustfully in a way regarded as distasteful

Pillow biter: a homosexual man

Marbled: (of meat) having streaks of fat

Train: the people and military vehicles supporting or supplying an army unit

**Collar:** a leather, plastic, fabric, or metal band placed around the neck of an animal to identify it or attach it to a lead or leash

#### The Lion and the Rose

Gilded=gilt: covered with a thin layer of gold or a substance that looks like

**Rub down:** to dry a person's or animal's body by vigorous rubbing with a towel

**Moat:** a wide water-filled ditch around a castle or fort, dug to give protection from attack

Idle: unlikely to be carried out or impossible to put into effect

By: used to indicate something considered holy when making a solemn oath or promise

Off: smelling and tasting bad because of being no longer fresh

**Sullen:** showing bad temper or hostility by a refusal to talk, behave sociably, or cooperate cheerfully

**Rod:** a stick, or bundle of sticks tied together, used for whipping somebody as a punishment

Exquisite: very beautiful and delicate or intricate

**Gnarled:** twisted, misshapen, or weather-beaten because of age, hard work, or illness

**Gout:** a metabolic disorder mainly affecting men in which excess uric acid is produced and deposited in the joints, causing painful swelling, especially in the toes and feet

# **Breaker of Chains**

Opportune: suitable for a purpose, or occurring at just the right time

Work: to effect something or bring something about

**Pantry:** 1. a small closed space connected to a kitchen, often with a door, in which food and utensils for food preparation can be stored 2. a highly ventilated cold small room or walk-in cupboard with shelves and a marble surface used for storing food

**Barge:** a long narrow flat-bottomed boat used for transporting freight on rivers or canals

**Parchment:** 1. a creamy or yellowish material made from dried and treated sheepskin, goatskin, or other animal hide, formerly used for books and documents 2. a manuscript or other work written, drawn, or painted on a sheet of parchment 3. strong, smooth or textured, usually off-white paper used for special documents, letters, or artwork

Gawk: to stare stupidly or rudely

**Pick off:** to shoot somebody or something selected as a target and deliberately aimed at, usually from a distance, or shoot a number of targets one by one

## **Oathkeeper**

**Suck up:** to try to please or win the favor of somebody important by being extremely flattering or helpful

**Chivalry:** the combination of qualities expected of the ideal medieval knight, especially courage, honor, loyalty, and consideration for others, especially women

#### First of His Name

Abreast: side by side and facing the front

**Troll:** in Scandinavian legend, a supernatural being depicted as either a dwarf or giant and living in caves or under bridges

**Extricate:** to release somebody or something with difficulty from a physical constraint or an unpleasant or complicated situation

Buzzard: somebody who is regarded as mean, bad-tempered, or unpleasant

**Vest:** to settle or confer property, power, or rights on somebody, or be a part of somebody's property, power, or rights

**Custard:** 1. a cooked mixture of sugar, eggs, and milk 2. a sweet sauce made with eggs, milk, sugar, and a thickening agent, or with milk and custard powder

Litter: a couch with poles on either side, used to transport a single passenger on people's shoulders or on animals

Nance: same as nancy

**Shite:** a highly offensive term for human or animal excrement

Shipwright: somebody who builds or repairs ships

Parry: to block or deflect the damaging effect of a blow or weapon

## The Laws of Gods and Men

Lookout: somebody who watches carefully for signs of attack or danger

Bellow: to shout something in a loud deep voice

**Britches=breeches:** 1. pants with legs that come down to the knee 2. trousers of any kind

**Supplicant:** somebody who makes a humble and sincere appeal to a person who has the power to grant the request

Ear: the ability to distinguish accurately between different sounds, e.g. in speech or music

Swill: inferior or unpleasant food or drink

**Recuse:** to declare yourself to be, or to render somebody, disqualified to judge something or participate in something because of possible bias or personal interest

**Round on:** to attack somebody suddenly, either physically or verbally, in a fit of anger

**Basilisk:** a legendary reptile, said to have been hatched by a serpent from a rooster's egg, whose look or breath was supposed to be fatal

**Spirit:** to take somebody or something away quickly in a secret or mysterious way

**Gladden:** to feel cheerful and hopeful, or cause somebody to feel cheerful and hopeful

# Mockingbird

**Cold-rolled:** describes metal that is rolled into sheets under pressure at room temperature in order to retain the crystalline structure of the metal and produce a smooth surface

**Doeskin:** 1. the skin of various animals, including a doe, deer, and goat 2. light supple leather made from doeskin that is particularly suitable for gloves 3. a densely woven smooth woolen cloth

Bide: to stay, remain, or wait

**Lard:** white, slightly soft, pork fat. Use: cooking, in ointments and perfumes.

**Bottom round:** a cut of beef from the outer part of a round (a round is a cut of beef from between the rump and the shank)

**Screw:** to contort or crumple a part or all of the face, or be contorted or crumpled

# The Mountain and the Viper

**Fawn:** 1. to seek attention or try to win favor by flattery and obsequious behavior 2. to attempt to please somebody by showing enthusiastic affection

Predilection: a special liking or preference for something

Peck: to kiss somebody lightly and briefly

Turn on: to react aggressively or violently to somebody

Fleabite: 1. the bite of a flea, or the small red mark caused by this 2. a small

loss or petty annoyance

Draw: to disembowel a hanged person

Fratricide: the crime of killing a brother

Filicide: the killing by a parent of a son or daughter

Nepoticide: the killing of one's own nephew

**Simple:** an offensive term meaning having an intellectual capacity that does

not permit the performance of higher-level cognitive processes

Wear thin: to lessen or weaken over time, as from overuse

# The Watchers on the Wall

Minge: a highly offensive term for a woman's genitals

# The Children

**In earnest:** 1. serious and sincere in your actions, words, or intentions 2. in a determined and purposeful way

Insensate: inanimate and thus unable to feel anything

**Manticore:** a legendary monster having the head of a man, the body of a lion, and the tail of a dragon or scorpion

Outfit: to provide somebody with all the equipment that is needed for a job or activity

**Mess hall:** a building or room where a group of people, especially members of the armed forces, eat their meals together

**Hobble:** to tie the legs of a horse loosely together with a rope or strap to prevent it from moving away

Cut down: to kill somebody, especially suddenly or unexpectedly

Galley: large ship propelled by oars or sails or both, that was used in ancient and medieval times, especially in the Mediterranean

#### The Wars to Come

Cast down: to make (a person) discouraged or dejected

Bearer: somebody who brings or carries something

**Gingerbread:** 1. a moist dark cake made with molasses and flavored with ginger 2. a ginger-flavored cookie, often cut into the stylized shape of a person, animal, or Christmas tree

# The House of Black and White

**Sycophant:** a servile or obsequious person who flatters somebody powerful for personal gain

Stroke: a single line or mark made with a brush or pen

# **High Sparrow**

**Dowager:** 1. a woman who has inherited a title or property from her deceased husband 2. a rich-looking or respected woman of advanced years

Parley: to talk or negotiate, especially with an enemy

Snap: to say something or reply in anger or irritation

Mulish: obstinate and unwilling to cooperate or listen to suggestions

Hateful: eliciting feelings or reactions of hatred, detestation, or abhorrence

Mistake: to misunderstand or misinterpret something

Cobblestone: a small rounded stone used for paving streets

**Boil:** a painful pus-filled abscess on the skin caused by bacterial infection of a hair follicle

Lance: to pierce flesh with a sharp instrument to let out pus

# Sons of the Harpy

Wee: very small

Call in: to ask for a debt or loan to be repaid

Front: to provide something such as money or to provide a service in advance of

In our midst: among us

Grimy: heavily ingrained with accumulated dirt or soot

Apothecary: same as pharmacist

**Tilt:** 1. to attack an opponent using a lance 2. to take part in a joust against somebody 3. to hold a lance ready for combat in a joust

Lists: an area of combat in a medieval tournament enclosed by a fence of high stakes

**Grovel:** to act in a servile way, showing exaggerated and false respect in order to please somebody or out of fear

**Epaulet:** a decoration on the shoulder of a jacket or coat, especially on a military uniform. In officers' dress, epaulets are usually made of gold or silver braid.

# Kill the Boy

Miller: somebody who owns, manages, or operates a mill

Lean on: to gain moral support or help from somebody

Whip: to move very quickly, forcefully, or suddenly, or make something do this

**Churn:** to move violently, or cause a liquid or soft solid to move violently

## Unbowed, Unbent, Unbroken

Long in the tooth: old

Turncloak: same as turncoat

Wretch: a troubled or distressed person who evokes pity in others

Squinty: affected with a squint

Shag: an offensive term meaning to have sexual intercourse with somebody

Tart: sharp, cutting, or critical

Despondent: extremely unhappy and discouraged

#### The Gift

Give out: to fail or stop working

Woozy: 1. weak and unsteady or dizzy 2. confused or unable to think clearly

Tire out: to exhaust

**Have somebody** *or* **something in the palm of your hand:** to have complete power or influence over somebody or something

Without: on, at, or to the outside of somewhere

**Homily:** 1. a sermon or other piece of writing on a moral or religious topic 2. a speech or other piece of writing with a moralizing theme

Ponce: an offensive term for an effeminate or gay man

**Sully:** to spoil or detract from something, especially somebody's reputation, that has previously been pure and honorable, or become spoiled or tarnished

Cast aside: to reject and abandon somebody or something regarded as no longer interesting or useful

Finery: clothing, jewelry, or accessories that are especially dressy and stylish, usually worn on special occasions

# Hardhome

Cockle: an invertebrate ocean animal with a small rounded or heart-shaped ridged shell in two parts

**Queenly:** 1. having the qualities traditionally associated with a queen, especially grace and dignity 2. relating to or suitable for a queen

Turn about: same as turn around

# The Dance of Dragons

Lost: not understood or appreciated by somebody

Chop: turbulent irregular motion in waves or water

Chap: a man or youth, especially somebody whose name is not known or not relevant

Vintner: 1. a dealer in wines 2. a maker of wine

Chance: to do something knowing that it is risky

# Mother's Mercy

Have one's work cut out: to have as much work as one can manage

**Middling:** 1. of average size, quantity, quality, or position 2. neither good nor bad, especially in health or mood

Ungainly: awkward to handle

Atonement: the making of reparation for a sin or a mistake

Shorn: having had something removed or taken away

#### The Red Woman

Rampart: a defensive fortification made of an earthen embankment, often topped by a low protective wall

**Mead:** an alcoholic drink made by fermenting honey with water, often with added spices

Brim: to fill something, or be full, to the top edge

**Saintly:** 1. characteristic of or associated with a saint of a Christian church 2. very good, virtuous, or holy

#### Home

Moot: in Anglo-Saxon England, a formal gathering for settling legal and administrative matters

#### Oathbreaker

Fickle: likely to change, especially in affections, intentions, loyalties, or preferences

**Avail oneself of:** to make use of something useful or helpful while you have the opportunity

# **Book of the Stranger**

**Gyrfalcon:** a large falcon varying in color from white to dark brown. Native to: cold northern regions.

Misshapen: having an undesirably unusual shape

Cobbler: a maker or repairer of footwear

Prattle: to talk in a silly, idle, or childish way

**Spoon:** to dig or scrape a hollow in something, or dig something out to leave a hollow

# The Door

Swat: to strike or slap somebody or something sharply

**Quartersaw:** to saw (timber) into quarters along two diameters of a log at right angles to each other

Flax: a fine light-colored plant fiber. Use: linen textiles.

Brooding: seeming to contain some silent threat or danger

**Rasher:** 1. an order or portion of slices of cooked bacon or ham 2. a slice of bacon or ham, broiled or fried

# **Blood of My Blood**

**Beech:** a tall tree with smooth gray bark and glossy deciduous leaves. Native to: temperate regions.

**Cure:** to preserve food, especially meat or fish, usually by smoking, drying, or salting it, or be preserved by one of these methods

**Elk=wapiti:** a large deer that has tall branched antlers and lives in herds. Native to: mountains of western North America.

Falsely: dishonestly

# The Broken Man

**Put your back into something:** to put effort, especially physical strength, into doing something

Salve: to soothe or ease pain or anxiety

Bash: to strike somebody or something with a heavy blow

**Picket:** a soldier or small body of troops used to occupy ground of tactical importance

**Trebuchet:** a medieval siege engine with a sling attached to a wooden arm for hurling large stones

Parley: a round of talks or negotiations, especially between opposing military forces

**Starve out:** to force an enemy to surrender by making necessary food and supplies inaccessible

Subject: somebody who is ruled by a king, queen, or other authority

**Steerage:** the cheapest passenger accommodations on board a ship, usually in the area near the rudder and steering gear

#### No One

Get off: a highly offensive term meaning to have an orgasm

**Straight razor:** a razor with a single straight blade that is hinged to a slotted handle into which the blade can be folded when not in use

Torture: to twist or distort something into an unnatural form

Gallery: 1. a balcony or passage running along the wall of a large building 2. a corridor, hall, or other enclosed passageway inside a building 3. a long narrow space or room used for a particular purpose 4. a long covered passageway that is open on one or both sides 5. a seating area projecting from the back and sides out over the main floor of a theater or auditorium, especially the highest section of this area containing the cheapest seats

Sire: to father young, especially animals

**Drawbridge:** a bridge that is hinged at one end or in the middle and can be lifted up to cut off access to a place or allow something to pass beneath it

# **Battle of the Bastards**

Guildhall: the meeting place of a modern or medieval guild

**Thoroughfare:** a stretch of road or water, or a pathway between two places, that is used by many people

**Ravenous:** 1. extremely hungry 2. greedy for something, especially for the gratification of wants or desires 3. voracious and predatory

Envelop: to surround an enemy completely

**Buckle:** 1. to bend out of shape, warp, or crumple, usually because of heat or pressure, or bend something in this way 2. collapse or lose physical strength completely, sometimes as a result of a structural defect or weakness

(At) full tilt: at full speed

For what it's worth: used to suggest that what you say may not be true or of much value

# The Winds of Winter

Perjure: to tell a lie in a court of law and therefore be guilty of perjury

Profligacy: debauchery; low morals

Apostate: somebody who renounces a belief or allegiance

Slab: a thick flat broad piece of something, especially when cut or trimmed

## **Dragonglass**

Brood: the children of one family

Grating: irritating or annoying

Crossbeam: a beam that passes between two supports in the structure of a

building

Arrowhead: a sharp pointed tip attached to an arrow

#### Stormborn

Artillator: a maker of artillery

Scurry: to move at a hurried pace, usually with small fast steps

# The Queen's Justice

**Let on:** 1. to make somebody believe something that is not true 2. to share a secret with somebody

**Beholden:** under an obligation to somebody because of something helpful that person has done

**Constitution:** somebody's general physical and sometimes psychological makeup, especially the body's ability to remain healthy and withstand disease or hardship

Mince: to speak, or say something, in an affectedly dainty way

Draw blood: to injure one or oneself to the point of bleeding

**Brood:** 1. to be preoccupied with a troublesome or unwelcome thought 2. to think resentful, dark, or miserable thoughts

**Nomenclature:** a system of names assigned to objects or items in a particular science or art

Flight of fancy: an idea or thought that is very imaginative but completely impractical or even ridiculous

**Dreary:** gloomy, unexciting, and certain to have a wearying and depressing influence

**Eventuality:** a possible occurrence or result, especially something undesirable or unexpected

Debride: to remove dead, damaged, or infected tissue from a wound

Unguent: a healing or soothing ointment

Prize: perfect as an example of something, especially something undesirable

Wring (one's) hands: to display one's worries about something but not act to address it

# The Spoils of War

**Upkeep:** 1. the maintenance of somebody or something in proper condition or operation 2. the financial cost of providing maintenance for somebody or something

**Arrears:** unpaid debts, especially debts accumulating as a result of the debtor's failure to make regular payments

**Straggler:** somebody or something that straggles, especially a person or animal that lags behind or becomes separated from a group

# **Eastwatch**

**Dull:** to become less acute or intensely felt, or cause something to become less acute or intensely felt

Ravenry: a place where ravens nest

**Chain mail:** interlinked rings of metal forming a flexible piece of armor, worn by knights in medieval times

Wait out: to stay in one place or do nothing until something ends

Mind: to notice or perceive something

Glower: to look at somebody or something with sullen anger or strong

resentment

Slaver: to fawn or behave obsequiously to somebody

Thrall: a condition of being controlled by a more powerful person or force

## **Beyond the Wall**

Whinge: to complain annoyingly or continuously about something relatively unimportant

Longingly: yearningly

**Resourceful:** full of initiative and good at problem-solving, especially in difficult situations

Ably: in a skillful or competent way

Vane: a flat blade mounted as part of a set in a circle so as to rotate under the action of wind or liquid

**Mind:** to watch over and look after somebody or something, usually for a short time

# The Dragon and the Wolf

Downtrodden: made submissive by constant harsh treatment

Lop: to cut off something such as hair or a limb with one stroke

Dolt: an offensive term that deliberately insults somebody's intelligence

Hang: used to express annoyance at something

## Winterfell

Insolent: showing an aggressive lack of respect in speech or behavior

Partial: showing an unfair preference for one person or thing over another

# A Knight of the Seven Kingdoms

**Whoremonger:** an offensive term for a sexually indiscriminate man, especially one who frequents prostitutes

**Bane:** 1. something that continually causes problems or misery 2. something that causes death, destruction, or ruin 3. a fatal poison

Chuck: throw something, especially in a careless or casual way

# The Long Night

Stand one's grouund: to hold a position in battle

Stand away: to stand clear of

# The Last of the Starks

Draw: to suck something in, especially air into the lungs

Contend: to fight with, struggle against, or deal with somebody or something

**Surmise:** to conclude that something is the case on the basis of only limited evidence or intuitive feeling

Break in: to enter a place or building forcibly and usually illegally

Draw: to pull back the string of a bow prior to shooting an arrow

Grow on: to become gradually more acceptable or pleasing to somebody

Reciprocate: to give or feel something mutually or in return

Morsel: a small amount of something

Belt: to strike somebody or something with a hard blow

**Skiff:** a small flatbottom boat of shallow draft that can be propelled with oars, a sail, or a motor

Hateful: characterized by malevolence or spite

# The Bells

Further: to help or give a boost to the progress of something

**Rearguard:** a portion of a military force on the move that is responsible for protecting against an attack from the rear

**Dinghy:** a small boat, especially a small sailboat or one that is towed behind or carried on a larger boat

(E)springal: an ancient military engine for launching stones and arrows by means of a spring

Call off: to order a dog or a person to stop attacking somebody

# The Iron Throne

Come in for: to be the object of criticism or scrutiny

 $\textbf{Salutary:}\ 1.\ of\ value\ or\ benefit\ to\ somebody\ or\ something\ 2.\ promoting\ good\ health$ 

**Presumptuous:** inconsiderate, disrespectful, or overconfident, especially in doing something when not entitled or qualified to do it