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The Night Bus Hero

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The **Vocabu-Library** resource from Vocabulary Ninja is a comprehensive vocabulary resource designed to unpick and explain the vocabulary found within classic and modern children's literature. Each pack carefully analyses the vocabulary used by authors, chapter by chapter, then provides an explanation of these unfamiliar or meaning-rich words in context. By providing a contextual explanation rather than just a standard definition, we can better help children understand the stories we are sharing with them and widen their vocabulary.

The pack even goes a step further by offering a selection of resources and activities at the end of the pack to support teachers in the classroom. These resources will encourage and support pupils to explore unknown vocabulary, classify tiered vocabulary independently, explore the wider application of newly acquired vocabulary and enhance classroom vocabulary display which ultimately leads to improved retention.

Tiered Vocabulary

The Vocabu-Library resource also identifies examples of tier 1, tier 2 and tier 3 vocabulary found within each chapter of a book.
For teachers this can be especially important as it offers an opportunity to assess and discuss the understanding of the tier 2 words in particular. These words are crucial in developing cross-curricular understanding and in promoting pupil independence.

Tier 3 words are subject specific words that will only appear in that context. These would be considered low frequency. For example: *photosynthesis, cardiovascular, isotope, pumice, bubonic etc.*

Tier 2 words are found in many content area, are high frequency but often require an element of teaching. Cross-curricular and crucial for widening understanding. For example: *hilarious, endure, arrange, exclude, react, concentrate, secure etc.*

Tier 1 words are everyday words that we use in speech and communication. These words rarely need any teaching and are learned through conversation. For example: *happy, sad, hungry, scared, run, play etc.*

Chapter 1 Two Snakes and the School Soup		Title: The Night Bus Hero	Author: Onjali Q. Rauf	Genre: Contemporary Fiction	Chapter Count: 1 of 21
		Meaning of the word in context.			
1	installed	Placed in position ready for use			
2	baboon	A monkey with large teeth that lives on the ground			
3	menace	A threat or danger likely to do harm			
4	swat	Hit something with a blow from a flat object			
5	equations	A mathematical calculation			
6	scowl	An angry facial expression			
7	pout	An expression pushing the bottom lip forwards to signify annoyance			
8	manga	Japanese graphic novels and cartoons			

Tier 1 Words	Tier 2 Words	Tier 3 Words	Word of the Chapter
dinner	veins	Solar system	**sabotage** – deliberately destroy
thing	plonking		
weird	slumped		

Chapter 2 The Trolley-Man	Title: The Night Bus Hero	Author: Onjali Q. Rauf	Genre: Contemporary Fiction	Chapter Count: 2 of 21

Meaning of the word in context.

1	coward	A person lacking in courage
2	coop	An enclosure for chickens
3	garters	A band worn around the leg to hold up socks
4	bullets	A metal projection fired from a gun
5	sniggering	Laughing unkindly
6	urged	Persistently persuade someone to do something
7	gross	Obvious and unacceptable
8	clutching	Holding on to something tightly

Tier 1 Words	Tier 2 Words	Tier 3 Words	Word of the Chapter
talking	darting		**yelping**– Screeching like an animal
fox	giggling		
chicken	crumply		

Chapter 3

The Theft of Platform 1

Title:	Author:	Genre:	Chapter Count:
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Meaning of the word in context.

1	snivelling	Crying feebly
2	muttered	Said quietly under one's breath
3	documentaries	Programmes made to educate or inform
4	punish	Inflict a penalty on
5	menace	A threat that's likely to cause harm
6	champion	The winner in a contest
7	conquer	To win or defeat in battle
8	pimples	Spots usually on the face

Tier 1 Words	Tier 2 Words	Tier 3 Words	Word of the Chapter
bees	scribbled		**penniless** – Having no money
army	chubby		
busy	warrior		

Chapter 4
The Runaway Trolley

Title:	Author:	Genre:	Chapter Count:
The Night Bus Hero	Onjali Q. Rauf	Contemporary Fiction	4 of 21

Meaning of the word in context.

1	paranoid	Obsessively anxious or fixated on something
2	bandit	A robber or outlaw
3	drill	Repeated routine
4	elasticated	A stretchy item
5	grunt	A low, short sound made by a human or animal
6	outrun	To run faster than an opponent
7	swerve	A sharp bend in the road
8	sprint	Run quickly

Tier 1 Words	Tier 2 Words	Tier 3 Words	Word of the Chapter
hot	gaze		**beamed** – smiled with a broad grin
sunny	bobbed		
morning			

Chapter 5 The Two Treasures	Title: The Night Bus Hero	Author: Onjali Q. Rauf	Genre: Contemporary Fiction	Chapter Count: 5 of 21

Meaning of the word in context.

1	salute	A hand gesture made to show respect or a greeting
2	studio	A room for an artist to work
3	abandoned	Left behind; discarded
4	perched	Resting on something casually
5	decency	Behaviour that conforms to society's norms
6	proposing	Making a suggestion
7	aspiring	Having hopes or ambitions
8	plight	A dangerous or difficult situation

Tier 1 Words	Tier 2 Words	Tier 3 Words	Word of the Chapter
fast	scolded	hurricane	**confiscate** – to take or withhold an item
street	despicable		
down	massacring		

Chapter 6
The Eyes that Spied

Title:	Author:	Genre:	Chapter Count:
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Meaning of the word in context.

1	luminous	Giving off reflected light
2	shriek	A high-pitched sound
3	craned	Tilted one's head to achieve a better view of something
4	glanced	Took a quick look
5	frowning	Furrowing the brow whilst contemplating or demonstrating annoyance
6	victory	A defeat in a contest or battle
7	schedule	A timetable of planned events
8	apologise	To say sorry for wrongdoing

Tier 1 Words	Tier 2 Words	Tier 3 Words	Word of the Chapter
yellow	twitching		**inspire** – Give someone the ability or urge to do something
sweets	groan		
hat	shrugged		

Chapter 7

Eros's Missing Bow

Title:	Author:	Genre:	Chapter Count:
The Night Bus Hero	Onjali Q. Rauf	Contemporary Fiction	7 of 21

Meaning of the word in context.

1	nudging	Using the elbow to gain attention
2	jig	A lively dance
3	leap-frogged	Perform a jump
4	moat	A ring or water surrounding a building
5	glistening	Shining in the sun's light
6	embankment	The edge of a river
7	rumpled	Creased having been screwed up
8	shrank back	Moved quickly backwards away from something unpleasant

Tier 1 Words	Tier 2 Words	Tier 3 Words	Word of the Chapter
week	grinning		**plunging** – Diving dramatically through the air
day	surrounded		
long	peeking		

Chapter 8 Hidden Figures		Title: The Night Bus Hero	Author: Onjali Q. Rauf	Genre: Contemporary Fiction	Chapter Count: 8 of 21
		Meaning of the word in context.			
1	attributing	Linking something to a cause			
2	soul	A single person			
3	cease	To stop doing something			
4	chores	Housework jobs usually completed for financial reward			
5	detour	An alternative route			
6	stumble	To stagger whilst walking			
7	mockingly	Making fun of something or someone			
8	emerging	Coming out slowly			

Tier 1 Words	Tier 2 Words	Tier 3 Words	Word of the Chapter
breakfast	palm		**prowling** – Furtively move like a cat
night	prodding		
paint	alleyway		

Chapter 9
Into the Woods

Title:	Author:	Genre:	Chapter Count:
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Meaning of the word in context.

1	symbol	A sign with a given meaning
2	tilted	Turned to face something or someone
3	volunteer	A charity worker giving time for no financial reward
4	tatty	Scruffy or damaged
5	scowled	Looked angrily at someone
6	society	An organized community
7	revenge	Harming someone for doing a previous wrong
8	snorted	Laughed or scoffed by making a nasal sound

Tier 1 Words	Tier 2 Words	Tier 3 Words	Word of the Chapter
corner	shin		**network** – a group of interconnected people or things
lunchtime	urge		
games	puff		

Chapter 10

A Tale of Three Lives

Title:	Author:	Genre:	Chapter Count:
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Meaning of the word in context.

1	blotchy	Marked with spots or patches
2	clarified	Made clear to someone
3	launcher	A structure that holds a rocket or missile
4	snatching	Taking from someone's hands with force
5	insulting	Speak disrespectfully or direct abuse at someone
6	satisfied	Contented or pleased
7	deserve	Do something worthy of either reward or punishment
8	courtroom	A place in which a court of law meets

Tier 1 Words	Tier 2 Words	Tier 3 Words	Word of the Chapter
away	precious		**priceless** – So valuable that a price cannot be attributed
believe	judge		
hill			

Chapter 11

The Thin Blue Line

Title:	Author:	Genre:	Chapter Count:
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Meaning of the word in context.

1	avoided	Kept away from
2	swivelled	Turned around quickly
3	vandalised	Caused damage to an object deliberately
4	vigilant	Be particularly alert for danger
5	tackled	Make efforts to deal with something
6	stuttered	Spoke in broken words or speech
7	prove	To demonstrate that something is true
8	community	A group of people living together

Tier 1 Words	Tier 2 Words	Tier 3 Words	Word of the Chapter
next	grinned		**tolerated** – allow something to occur or exist without contention
park	instantly		
night	dislocate		

Chapter 12

Hercules and the Toy-Lets

Title:	Author:	Genre:	Chapter Count:
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Meaning of the word in context.

1	bolted	Moved very fast
2	clutched	Held onto tightly
3	creases	Folds
4	triumphant	The winning side
5	menace	A threat or danger
6	hoisting	Holding up by the arms
7	grunt	A short, deep sound made by an animal
8	obstruction	Something which impedes a passage

Tier 1 Words	Tier 2 Words	Tier 3 Words	Word of the Chapter
tell	jogged	justice	**eavesdrop** – to deliberately overhear a conversation
now	diagonal	spear	
top			

Chapter 13

The Boy Who Cried Mistake!

Title:	Author:	Genre:	Chapter Count:
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Meaning of the word in context.

1	swirly	A twirling pattern
2	wrinkly	Creased and folded
3	source	A person providing information
4	anonymous	An unknown person
5	technically	The exact meaning of something
6	gulped	Swallowed a large mouthful loudly and quickly
7	pudgy	Soft and fat
8	boast	To show off or exaggerate one's abilities

Tier 1 Words	Tier 2 Words	Tier 3 Words	Word of the Chapter
rubbish	knowingly		**smothering** – covering entirely
once	multiple		
anyone			

Chapter 14
The Kitchen of Soup

Title:	Author:	Genre:	Chapter Count:
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Meaning of the word in context.

1	sploshed	Splashing in the water
2	pelting	Thrown with force
3	newbie	A newcomer into a situation
4	whirring	Making a consistent, mechanical noise
5	peeking	Taking short glances
6	bailiffs	An officer to carry out tasks and arrests
7	gambling	Betting; playing games of chance for money
8	justice	Being fair and reasonable

Tier 1 Words	Tier 2 Words	Tier 3 Words	Word of the Chapter
grey	chuckled		**obstructed** – prevented someone from making progress
wet			
windy			

Chapter 15 Catwoman and the Fortnum's Mason	Title: The Night Bus Hero	Author: Onjali Q. Rauf	Genre: Contemporary Fiction	Chapter Count: 15 of 21

Meaning of the word in context.

1	spluttered	Spitting or choking sounds
2	smirked	Smiled unkindly
3	torture	Inflicting severe pain
4	harass	To bother persistently
5	tweed	A rough woolen cloth used to make jackets
6	soothingly	Calmly and kindly
7	alibi	Evidence that one did not commit a crime
8	winced	Grimacing due to pain or distress

Tier 1 Words	Tier 2 Words	Tier 3 Words	Word of the Chapter
after	heap	highfalutin	**abode** – A place to live
all	examine		
plan	trinkets		

Chapter 16

Mapping Out a Turf War

Title:	Author:	Genre:	Chapter Count:
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Meaning of the word in context.

1	folk	People in general
2	proceed	Continue moving forward
3	unravelled	Unwound or became undone
4	teeniest	The absolute smallest
5	suss	Informal word for realise or becoming aware
6	clergy	People ordained to work for the church
7	governess	A woman employed to look after children in a wealthy household
8	turf war	A fight for an area between rival groups

Tier 1 Words	Tier 2 Words	Tier 3 Words	Word of the Chapter
made	location		**flitting** – moving quickly form place to place
you	pickpocket		
have	hotspot		

Chapter 17

The Pass to Freedom

Title:	Author:	Genre:	Chapter Count:
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Meaning of the word in context.

1	**invasion**	Invading an area with a fighting force
2	**prime**	The most important or the best
3	**majority**	The greater amount of
4	**coup**	Successfully achieving something
5	**gesturing**	Making a signal using a part of the body
6	**swooped**	Flew into a situation quickly
7	**real estate**	Land or buildings for sale
8	**shrugged**	Raised the shoulders to signify ignorance or indifference

Tier 1 Words	Tier 2 Words	Tier 3 Words	Word of the Chapter
things	invading		**defend** – to protect from attack or harm
fingers	thundercrack		
main	sarcastic		

Chapter 18
The Night Riders

Title:	Author:	Genre:	Chapter Count:
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Meaning of the word in context.

1	droopy	Sagging or hanging limply
2	snuck	Moved quietly without being noticed
3	ninja	A subtle warrior
4	luminous	Giving off reflected light
5	creak	A sound make by stepping on wood
6	latch	A metal bar used to open or close a door or gate
7	paradise	The ultimate heavenly location
8	launched	Threw into the air

Tier 1 Words	Tier 2 Words	Tier 3 Words	Word of the Chapter
tell	windowsill		**hurtling** – flying through the air
run	squealing		
flat	existence		

Chapter 19

Paul and the Midnight Mass

Title:	Author:	Genre:	Chapter Count:
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Meaning of the word in context.

1	scooch	Moved through a narrow space
2	gathered	Picked up speed whilst moving
3	juddered	Moved in q start-stop motion
4	perpetual	Never ending
5	infinitely	Without limits
6	consistent	Moving in the same way repeatedly
7	chimes	Sound made by a bell
8	shuttered	Closed with shutters covering over

Tier 1 Words	Tier 2 Words	Tier 3 Words	Word of the Chapter
thief	halt	volcanic	eager – Keen or willing
trolley	looming	administration	
bus	hoisting		

Chapter 20

The Man with Five Faces

Title:	Author:	Genre:	Chapter Count:
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Meaning of the word in context.

1	ricocheted	Rebounding off a surface
2	slabs	Pieces of stone
3	crypt	An underground vault beneath a church
4	motioned	Moved
5	clamouring	Shouting or moving loudly and forcefully
6	flurry	A swirling mass
7	brass	A yellowish metal made from copper and zinc
8	summoned	Instructed to appear

Tier 1 Words	Tier 2 Words	Tier 3 Words	Word of the Chapter
cough	scuttled		**enlightening** – giving greater understanding and information
silence	creak		
open	lunged		

Chapter 21

The Night Bus Hero's Bench

Title:	Author:	Genre:	Chapter Count:
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Meaning of the word in context.

1	realm	A country or state
2	vermin	People perceived to be causing problems in society
3	polluted	Caused damage to
4	shin	To part of the leg between the knee and the ankle
5	blustered	Talked loudly and aggressively
6	whimpered	Whined pathetically
7	canapes	Small pieces of food, usually bread or pastries
8	upgraded	Made improvements to

Tier 1 Words	Tier 2 Words	Tier 3 Words	Word of the Chapter
build	scuffling		**restoring** – Bringing back to an original state
behind	plaque		
shouting	donated		

Teaching Resource Section

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Vocabulary Display Slips

Teach, Print, Cut, Display, Refer, Learn, Embed

The following words have been chosen from the book to display within the classroom whilst studying this book.

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ricocheted

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blustered

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restoring

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enlightening

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perpetual

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enlightening

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prime

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unravelled

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triumphant

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whirring

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defend

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tolerated

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eavesdrop

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smothering

Vocabu-Library

abode

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winced

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flitting

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pudgy

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cease

Vocabu-Library

aspiring

Vocabu-Library

inspire

Vocabu-Library

detour

Vocabu-Library

sabotage

Vocabu-Library

confiscate

Vocabu-Library

menace

Vocabu-Library

yelping

Vocabu-Library

penniless

Vocabu-Library

priceless

Vocabu-Library

plunging

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prowling

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tatty

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clarified

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VOCABULARY A-Z

As the book is read, pupils can record key vocabulary in an alphabetical order.

Limit the pupils to one word per box or let them accumulate as many words as possible.

This can be a fabulous resource to support writing, providing a key reference point for pupils.

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Vocabulary A-Z

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a	b	c	d	e	f
g	h	i	j	k	l
m	n	o	p	q	r
s	t	u	v	w	x, y, z

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Tiered Vocabulary Pyramid

Use the Tiered Vocabulary Pyramid to classify words from a specific part of a text.

Target the book, a chapter, page, paragraph or even a sentence.

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Tiered Vocabulary Pyramid

Targeted Book, Chapter, Page or Paragraph:

Task 1: Scan your chosen piece of text for tier 1, tier 2 and tier 3 vocabulary.

Task 2: Write a sentence using a tier 2 piece of vocabulary.

Tier 3

Tier 2

Tier 1

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Zone of Relevance

Use the zone of relevance to encourage pupils to prioritise vocabulary.

Set a question specific question about a character or an event in the book or a specific chapter.

Essential vocabulary to this question or statement should be written in the smallest central circle. Relevant vocabulary in the middle circle . Irrelevant or unimportant vocabulary should be written in the outer circle.

Giving your pupils a bank of vocabulary to sort could also prove extremely useful as well as the subsequent discussions that will ensue.

Or, use the version with four circles. In this activity, only one word can be placed in the center.

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