

# Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow

## Ch. 2-5 42 words

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This vocabulary list covers words from Susan Bartoletti's Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow and is intended for use by middle school students.



### eligible

1.

qualified for or allowed or worthy of being chosen

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*On Sunday, more than six million Austrian voters are **eligible** to take part in the elections.*  
—[BBC \(Sep 29, 2013\)](#)

### 2. voluntary



of your own free will or design; done by choice; not forced or compelled

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*A **voluntary** evacuation order was issued for another 2,000 homes in Colorado Springs as embers drifted over the city.*  
—[Reuters \(Jun 14, 2013\)](#)

### 3. descent



properties attributable to your ancestry

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Soccer players of African **descent** have been taunted during matches.*  
—[New York Times \(Aug 12, 2013\)](#)

### 4. Caucasian

of or relating to Caucasian people

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Latino voters, while they lag behind **Caucasian** and African-American voting levels, are also stepping up their political participation.*  
—[BusinessWeek \(Jan 17, 2012\)](#)

### 5. handicapped

people collectively who are crippled or otherwise physically handicapped

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*"But we had two weeks to consider what awaited these **handicapped** children."*  
—[New York Times \(Jan 13, 2013\)](#)

## 6. covet



wish, long, or crave for (something, especially the property of another person)

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Some **coveted** New York real estate is about to go up for grabs.*  
—[Washington Post \(Jul 3, 2013\)](#)

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## 7. individuality



the distinct personality of an individual regarded as a persisting entity

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*The website, according to the lawsuit, focuses on "encouraging **individuality** through different forms of expression."*  
—[Reuters \(Jul 2, 2013\)](#)

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## 8. pummel



strike, usually with the fist

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Even after Sumner lapsed into unconsciousness, Butler kept up the savage **pummeling** until his cane broke.*  
—[BusinessWeek \(Dec 9, 2011\)](#)

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## 9. loaf

be lazy or idle

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Mr. Castro has repeatedly railed against egalitarianism, which he loosely defined as one worker **loafing** while another works hard.*  
—[New York Times \(Jul 7, 2013\)](#)

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## 10. financial



involving financial matters

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Naturally his widow is distraught, but her **financial** future is assured.*  
—[Economist \(Sep 26, 2013\)](#)

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## 11. civil right

right or rights belonging to a person by reason of citizenship including especially the fundamental freedoms and privileges guaranteed by the 13th and 14th amendments and subsequent acts of Congress including the right to legal and social and economic equality

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Today's **civil rights** activists came to Washington with concerns that include jobs, voting rights and gun violence.*  
—[BBC \(Aug 24, 2013\)](#)

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## 12. sanctity



the quality of being holy

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*He was in the **sanctity** of his office now and capable of clearer thinking.*  
—[Vandenburg, G. L.](#)

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### 13. **disband**

cause to break up or cease to function

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*To help shore up Allen Park's finances, current leaders are planning to **disband** the police and fire departments.*  
—[BusinessWeek \(Aug 24, 2012\)](#)

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### 14. **concentration camp**

a penal camp where political prisoners or prisoners of war are confined (usually under harsh conditions)

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Last month, with election campaigning already under way, the German Chancellor Angela Merkel went to Dachau, Nazi Germany's first **concentration camp**.*  
—[BBC \(Sep 18, 2013\)](#)

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### 15. **relent**

give in, as to influence or pressure

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*But the North Koreans insisted on the aid being part of any agreement, and the United States **relented**.*  
—[New York Times \(Feb 29, 2012\)](#)

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### 16. **curriculum**

an integrated course of academic studies

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*But deaf awareness charity Signature points out that sign language is included on the education **curriculum** in Sweden, Norway and Finland.*  
—[BBC \(Jun 17, 2013\)](#)

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### 17. **standardized**

brought into conformity with a standard

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Not judge each child on a series of **standardized** exams.*  
—[BBC \(Jun 19, 2013\)](#)

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### 18. **authority figure**

someone who is regarded as an authority by someone else

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*He quietly rejected **authority figures** — teachers, coaches, host families — who treated him with*

what he sensed was distrust.  
—[New York Times \(Dec 4, 2011\)](#)

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## 19. **harass**

annoy continually or chronically

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

As such, many of the women are **harassed** by the police for 'passively soliciting'.  
—[Newsweek \(Jul 31, 2013\)](#)

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## 20. **intrepid**

invulnerable to fear or intimidation

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

The **intrepid** maiden closed the door noiselessly, and by the time the sentinel had reappeared was sitting stiffly erect, on guard once more.  
—[Madison, Lucy Foster](#)

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## 21. **censored**

suppressed or subject to censorship

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

Lou's films have long focused on sensitive subjects like sex, violence and politics, and have repeatedly been **censored** by China's cultural authorities.  
—[Seattle Times \(Nov 24, 2012\)](#)

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## 22. **blacklist**

put on a blacklist so as to banish or cause to be boycotted

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

Last November a controversial law took effect which **blacklists** websites considered harmful to children.  
—[BBC \(May 24, 2013\)](#)

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## 23. **boycott**

refuse to sponsor; refuse to do business with

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

Gays bars in the United States and other countries began **boycotting** Russian vodka earlier this month in protest at the laws.  
—[Reuters \(Aug 10, 2013\)](#)

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## 24. **filth**

any substance considered disgustingly foul or unpleasant

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

Prosecutors later described the condition in the apartment as "deplorable, with cockroaches, **filth** everywhere."  
—[New York Times \(Dec 14, 2011\)](#)

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## 25. Holocaust

the mass murder of Jews under the German Nazi regime from 1941 until 1945

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*He was later a sailor on vessels bringing **Holocaust** survivors to Israel.*  
—[New York Times \(Jun 11, 2013\)](#)

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## 26. anti-Semitism

the intense dislike for and prejudice against Jewish people

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Corruption, racism and **anti-Semitism** are rampant in places like Greece, Romania, Bulgaria and Hungary.*  
—[BBC \(Sep 20, 2013\)](#)

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## 27. persecution

the act of persecuting (especially on the basis of race or religion)

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Decades of systematic **persecution** by the Burmese authorities has made sectarian violence inevitable, said Elaine Pearson, deputy director of Human Rights Watch's Asia division.*  
—[Reuters \(Jun 11, 2012\)](#)

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## 28. profit

make a profit; gain money or materially

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Steyer has his shirt sleeves rolled up above the elbow as he says, "today, we look at who **profits** if Keystone is built.*  
—[BusinessWeek \(Sep 17, 2013\)](#)

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## 29. law-abiding

(of individuals) adhering strictly to laws and rules and customs

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Thus begins White's slow slide from **law-abiding**, underachieving schmo to homicidal drug lord.*  
—[New York Times \(Aug 30, 2013\)](#)

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## 30. synagogue

(Judaism) the place of worship for a Jewish congregation

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*There are now only a tiny number of Egyptian Jews remaining in the country, and most **synagogues** are used mainly by tourists.*  
—[The Guardian \(Mar 13, 2013\)](#)

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## 31. looting

plundering during riots or in wartime

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

Rioting and **looting** broke out in 62 cities from coast to coast.  
—[Time \(Apr 5, 2013\)](#)

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32. **perpetrator** 

someone who perpetrates wrongdoing

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

"The **perpetrators** should be punished severely as they have ruined my life."  
—[Reuters \(Aug 24, 2013\)](#)

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33. **insurance** 

promise of reimbursement in the case of loss; paid to people or companies so concerned about hazards that they have made prepayments to an insurance company

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

"Usually **insurance** companies will cover things like labs, the basic diagnostic testing," Smith said.  
—[Reuters \(Sep 18, 2013\)](#)

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34. **quota** 

a prescribed number

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

Large numbers of Asian immigrant families, of course, began residing there in the 1960s, when exclusionary immigration **quotas** were loosened in the United States.  
—[New York Times \(Apr 26, 2013\)](#)

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35. **reparation** 

compensation (given or received) for an insult or injury

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

Germany, whose forces occupied Greece in World War Two, says it has already paid all **reparations** owed.  
—[Reuters \(Apr 24, 2013\)](#)

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36. **compulsory** 

required by rule

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

Mr Hung was three days away from completing his **compulsory** one-year military service when he died.  
—[BBC \(Jul 29, 2013\)](#)

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37. **lament** 

express grief verbally

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

"The anarchists have taken over," Mr. Reid **lamented** on the Senate floor Thursday morning.

## 38. **dormitory**

a large sleeping room containing several beds

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*We slept in common **dormitories**, without any privacy, on thin mattresses we'd made ourselves.*  
—[Salon \(May 1, 2013\)](#)

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## 39. **camaraderie**

the quality of affording easy familiarity and sociability

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*A sort of **camaraderie** has evolved, based on the shared experience of long hours and loneliness.*  
—[New York Times \(Mar 22, 2012\)](#)

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## 40. **paramilitary**

of or relating to a group of civilians organized to function like or to assist a military unit

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*More important, Zhou controlled the country's large contingent of armed police, a **paramilitary** of former soldiers, specifically charged with handling social unrest.*  
—[Newsweek \(Sep 3, 2013\)](#)

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## 41. **auxiliary**

functioning in a supporting capacity

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*The remainder of the **auxiliary** pumps were placed in the reciprocating and turbine engine rooms.*  
—[Government, British](#)

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## 42. **reclaim**

claim back

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*In his speech, Mr. Obama sought to **reclaim** global leadership on climate change for the United States.*  
—[New York Times \(Jun 26, 2013\)](#)

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