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Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow

Ch. 6 - end 50 words

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This vocabulary list is for chapters 6 through the end of Susan Bartoletti's Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow. This vocabulary list is meant for middle school students.



homage

respectful deference

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*He wasn't paying **homage** to retired Georgetown coach John Thompson.*
—[Seattle Times \(May 15, 2012\)](#)

1.

2. battalion

an army unit usually consisting of a headquarters and three or more companies

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*The young Germans are not Aryan supermen but ordinary soldiers called up into their reserve infantry **battalions** for service in Poland.*
—[BBC \(Jun 19, 2013\)](#)



3. retaliation

action taken in return for an injury or offense

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Camarena was kidnapped, tortured and murdered in **retaliation** for his involvement in successful drug busts.*
—[Reuters \(Aug 14, 2013\)](#)



4. impotent

lacking power or ability

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*The Democrats do little more than **impotent** whimpering, which merely serves as bipartisan window dressing for Republican corporate puppets.*
—[Slate \(Jun 27, 2012\)](#)



5. ghetto

formerly the restricted quarter of many European cities in which Jews were required to live

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Changing tactics, the Germans began using flamethrowers to burn down the **ghetto** house by house and smoke out those in hiding.*
—[New York Times \(May 21, 2013\)](#)



6. clerical



appropriate for or engaged in office work

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Students sit at their desks all day writing, calculating or doing low-grade **clerical** work.*
—[Time \(May 22, 2013\)](#)

7. Gestapo

the secret state police in Nazi Germany; known for its terrorist methods

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*The **Gestapo** searched the rooming house several times.*
—[New York Times \(Mar 1, 2012\)](#)

8. scourge



something causing misery or death

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*There's a lot written about the **scourge** of bad bosses.*
—[Inc \(Feb 20, 2013\)](#)

9. blitzkrieg



fight a quick and surprising war

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Hitler's armies had **blitzkrieged** through Holland, Belgium and France; the British Army had a forced evacuation from Dunkirk in an armada of small boats.*
—[Rohlfing, Sam](#)

10. submission



the act of submitting; usually surrendering power to another

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Most explorers regard the polar regions as territory to be beaten into **submission**.*
—[Newsweek \(Feb 12, 2013\)](#)

11. backfire

come back to the originator of an action with an undesired effect

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Pushing for happiness, in other words, can **backfire** by raising your expectations for your mood.*
—[Inc \(Jun 6, 2013\)](#)

12. salvage



the act of saving goods or property that were in danger of damage or destruction

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

Across the street, people picked through the remains of their homes, looking for any possessions they might **salvage**.

—[Reuters \(May 21, 2013\)](#)

13. residential area

a district where people live; occupied primarily by private residences

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

Safety officials said they were investigating the cause of the leak, which sent stinging fumes into nearby **residential areas**.

—[New York Times \(Aug 31, 2013\)](#)

14. systematically

in a systematic or consistent manner

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

"In the years leading up to the genocide, Hutus were **systematically** incited to violence against Tutsis," Presiding Judge Rene Elkerbout said, reading the verdict.

—[Reuters \(Mar 1, 2013\)](#)

15. audacity

fearless daring

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

Lerner hired Gerard Houllier, who immediately turned off his players by having the **audacity** to ban mobile phones in the dressing room.

—[New York Times \(Jun 15, 2011\)](#)



16. fatigue

exhaust or get tired through overuse or great strain or stress

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

"I thought that we were a little **fatigued**, honestly, in the fourth quarter, looking around," Wade, who had 18 points, told reporters.

—[Reuters \(Jun 7, 2013\)](#)



17. indelible

cannot be removed or erased

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

Hurricane Sandy printed **indelible** images on the city's collective memory.

—[New York Times \(Jul 31, 2013\)](#)



18. defect

a failing or deficiency

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

The number of children dying from these **defects** has fallen more than 80% in the last 30 years thanks to better understanding and treatment.

—[BBC \(Aug 21, 2013\)](#)



19. sterilize

make infertile

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

"I really appreciated there were so many advances in cancer therapy, yet so many young survivors were ending up **sterilized**," Woodruff said.
—[Washington Post \(Aug 27, 2013\)](#)

20. euthanasia



the act of killing someone painlessly (especially someone suffering from an incurable illness)

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

Belgium adopted **euthanasia** in 2002, a year after neighboring Holland, with the goal of helping incurably ill patients escape "unbearable physical or mental suffering."
—[Wall Street Journal \(Jun 15, 2013\)](#)

21. midwife

a woman skilled in aiding the delivery of babies

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

Actually, **midwives** in the Netherlands and other countries are not nurses.
—[Slate \(Jul 4, 2012\)](#)

22. deformity

an affliction in which some part of the body is misshapen or malformed

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

Bodily **deformities** are noted at once after birth, and then the mother recalls some incident of the pregnancy to account for them.
—[?Malley, Austin](#)

23. confidential



(of information) given in confidence or in secret

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

The producers spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss **confidential** casting decisions.
—[New York Times \(May 31, 2013\)](#)

24. crematorium

a furnace where a corpse can be burned and reduced to ashes

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

Buddhist cremations are generally performed at temple **crematoriums**.
—[New York Times \(Nov 20, 2010\)](#)

25. abhor



find repugnant

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

He **abhors** conflict and dislikes house parties, village functions or any social obligations involving stiff collars, formality and top hats.

—[The Guardian \(Jan 12, 2013\)](#)

26. **petrify** 

cause to become stonelike or stiff or dazed and stunned

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

He made the camel kneel, parted the hangings and was **petrified** at only finding an old man.

—[Dinet, Etienne](#)

27. **salvo**

rapid simultaneous discharge of firearms

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

Israel is also braced for possible rocket **salvoes** from Hezbollah, Syria's Lebanese militia ally.

—[Reuters \(Aug 28, 2013\)](#)

28. **atrocities** 

an act of atrocious cruelty

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

As the conflict in the northeast intensifies, both sides are being accused of **atrocities**.

—[Reuters \(Oct 21, 2013\)](#)

29. **suffocation**

the condition of being deprived of oxygen (as by having breathing stopped)

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

The crowd continued flowing in until the lodge was filled almost to **suffocation**.

—[Bushnell, David Ives](#)

30. **genocide** 

systematic killing of a racial or cultural group

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

"In the years leading up to the **genocide**, Hutus were systematically incited to violence against Tutsis," Presiding Judge Rene Elkerbout said, reading the verdict.

—[Reuters \(Mar 1, 2013\)](#)

31. **infraction** 

a crime less serious than a felony

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

Others are also sent there for such **infractions** as fighting, but for a more limited time.

—[Reuters \(Oct 10, 2013\)](#)

32. cadre 

a small unit serving as part of or as the nucleus of a larger political movement

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

Chinese communist **cadres** are not fond of going gray gracefully.
—[Time \(Mar 6, 2012\)](#)

33. castrated

deprived of sexual capacity or sexual attributes

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

In England people were once disemboweled and **castrated** in front of a cheering crowd, with their heads put on spikes for viewing."
—[New York Times \(Sep 10, 2013\)](#)

34. solitary confinement

confinement of a prisoner in isolation from other prisoners

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

Many are put in **solitary confinement** because prison officials believe they have gang affiliations.
—[Reuters \(Aug 31, 2013\)](#)

35. banter 

be silly or tease one another

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

Not all **banter** between men and women is automatically wrong.
—[The Guardian \(Apr 7, 2013\)](#)

36. dissuade 

turn away from by persuasion

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

But he said he was worried it was **dissuading** foreign students from coming here and hurting British universities.
—[BBC \(Oct 9, 2012\)](#)

37. emaciated 

very thin especially from disease or hunger or cold

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

The ambulances started with their freight of **emaciated**, suffering men.
—[Edmonds, S. Emma E.](#)

38. guillotine 

instrument of execution that consists of a weighted blade between two vertical poles; used for beheading people

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

"I'll send you to the **guillotine**," hissed Robespierre between his teeth, striking his clenched fist upon the desk in front of him.

—[Sage, William](#)

39. **mine**

explosive device that explodes on contact; designed to destroy vehicles or ships or to kill or maim personnel

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

Elsewhere in the grounds, trainees crouched at a safe distance, tugging carefully on pull lines attached to what looked like a large anti-tank **mine**.

—[Reuters \(Oct 24, 2013\)](#)

40. **calisthenics** 

the practice of calisthenic exercises

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

"So jumping into dinner without a proper cocktail here is like entering an athletic competition without doing the proper **calisthenics**."

—[BusinessWeek \(Jan 17, 2012\)](#)

41. **idolize**

love unquestioningly and uncritically or to excess; venerate as an idol

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

Men who **idolized** Mr. Spock and cried when Steve Jobs died.

—[New York Times \(Jun 3, 2012\)](#)

42. **en route** 

on a route to some place

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

We later learned that paramedics had restarted his heart three times **en route** to the hospital from the parking lot where he had collapsed.

—[Washington Post \(Sep 3, 2013\)](#)

43. **captor**

a person who captures and holds people or animals

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

Major Day was hanged upside-down by his **captors**, but after his bonds were loosened, he escaped after five days in enemy hands.

—[New York Times \(Jul 29, 2013\)](#)

44. **siege** 

the action of an armed force that surrounds a fortified place and isolates it while continuing to attack

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

The armed **siege** at the Westgate shopping mall in Nairobi has focused attention on the al-Qaeda affiliate, al-Shabab.

—[BBC \(Sep 30, 2013\)](#)

45. demarcation



the boundary of a specific area

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

North Korean communist forces moved south, crossing the 38th parallel military **demarcation** line agreed in 1945.

—[BBC \(Jul 26, 2013\)](#)

46. tribunal



an assembly (including one or more judges) to conduct judicial business

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

In 1991, a year after he was forced to step down as Chile's president, a military **tribunal** held a hearing about her case.

—[BBC \(Sep 10, 2013\)](#)

47. munition

military supplies

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

Belgium was doing more than shipping huge quantities of **munitions** to Libya.

—[New York Times \(Jul 10, 2013\)](#)

48. clemency



leniency and compassion shown toward offenders by a person or agency charged with administering justice

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

Alemu, refusing offers of **clemency** in exchange for providing information on other journalists, was punished with nearly two weeks in solitary confinement.

—[Newsweek \(Apr 19, 2013\)](#)

49. inalienable



not subject to forfeiture

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

The Americans regard winning gold at the Olympics as an **inalienable** right.

—[The Guardian \(Jul 30, 2012\)](#)

50. despot



a cruel and oppressive dictator

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

"Aldon was a benevolent dictator, then he became a **despot**," Ms. Provost said.

—[New York Times \(Jan 22, 2012\)](#)
