

Laika by Nick Abadzis, Ch. 3-4 25 words ✓

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This is a list of 25 vocabulary words for the last two chapters of Laika by Nick Abadzis created by Mr. Brunken for the Happy Kids Middle School Program. Feel free to use it.

1. **docile**

easily handled or managed

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*And while the herd isn't totally **docile**, he is discovering that it is more eager to engage than to trample.*

— [New York Times \(Sep 19, 2014\)](#)

2. **kennel**

outbuilding that serves as a shelter for a dog

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Northumbria Police visited the **kennels** of the dog breeder in Low Pittington to check the condition of his animals following the attack.*

— [BBC \(Sep 25, 2014\)](#)

3. **sanitation** ✓

the state of being clean and conducive to health

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*They also said the agenda includes clean energy, climate change, medical collaboration to fight diseases and scientific efforts to improve **sanitation** and hygiene throughout India.*

— [Seattle Times \(Sep 30, 2014\)](#)

4. **civilian**

a nonmilitary citizen

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Robert Bales killed 16 villagers in a 2012 rampage, one of the worst cases of **civilian** killings of the war.*

— [Los Angeles Times \(Sep 30, 2014\)](#)

5. **pooch**

informal terms for dogs

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*It also shows a trainer teaching shelters how to hold play groups for **pooches**.*

— [US News \(Sep 10, 2014\)](#)

6. fatality



a death resulting from an accident or a disaster

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*This is the 13th **fatality** in the park this year resulting from natural or accidental causes.*
— [Reuters \(Sep 22, 2014\)](#)

7. rigorous



demanding strict attention to rules and procedures

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*A military mantra, most known to be used by Navy SEALs during their **rigorous** training, “embrace the suck” communicates an important business message.*
— [Forbes \(Sep 24, 2014\)](#)

8. desertion

the act of giving something up

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*In 2001, a monument to British troops shot for alleged cowardice or **desertion** during World War I was unveiled in Staffordshire.*
— [BBC \(Oct 2, 2013\)](#)

9. nausea



the state that precedes vomiting

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*The truth is that women often do not experience crushing chest pain, but instead more often experience **nausea** and dizziness.*
— [Forbes \(Sep 29, 2014\)](#)

10. placid



not easily irritated

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*For even the most **placid** of motorists, it's a subject capable of sending anger levels soaring.*
— [BBC \(Jul 27, 2014\)](#)

11. matriarch



a female head of a family or tribe

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Since moms are awesome, today's post celebrates Marge Simpson, the blue-haired **matriarch** of the Springfield clan.*
— [Seattle Times \(Aug 24, 2014\)](#)

12. malfunction



fail to function or function improperly

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

After them, robots tried to put out the fire, but the extreme radiation levels made the machines

malfunction.
— [Slate \(Sep 26, 2014\)](#)

13. **confidential** ✓

(of information) given in confidence or in secret

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*The disclosure came during a **confidential** meeting at its Washington headquarters for a federal working group on detention and enforcement policies.*
— [US News \(Sep 26, 2014\)](#)

14. **purge** ✓

oust politically

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Mr Zhou's downfall has elements of a good old-fashioned **purge** in which rivals are eliminated and power is consolidated.*
— [Economist \(Jul 31, 2014\)](#)

15. **egomaniac**

an abnormally egotistical person

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*She is a raging **egomaniac**, which should come as no shock since she is an actress.*
— [New York Times \(May 18, 2014\)](#)

16. **unrequited** ✓

not returned in kind

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*But while some guns appear in Torbellino's music videos, his songs mainly focused on **unrequited** love, not drug gangs.*
— [US News \(May 30, 2014\)](#)

17. **henchman**

someone who assists in a plot

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*This one-sided journalism also cultivates a poor opinion of the west among Putin and his **henchmen**.*
— [The Guardian \(Aug 4, 2014\)](#)

18. **contemptible** ✓

deserving of contempt or scorn

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Some of this goes to America's fundamentalist streak, no less **contemptible** than Iran's.*
— [Salon \(Jan 16, 2014\)](#)

19. **telemetry**

automatic transmission and measurement of data from remote sources by wire or radio or other means

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*His car's **telemetry** had ceased to work, so his team had no idea what was happening on the car.*
— [New York Times \(Apr 20, 2014\)](#)

20. **erratic**

liable to sudden unpredictable change

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*She could forgive the **erratic** heating and electrical systems near her unit, she said, because the rent "has always been so reasonable."*
— [Seattle Times \(Sep 27, 2014\)](#)

21. **implant**

fix or set securely or deeply

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Her body was identified through serial numbers on medical **implants** in her knee and spine.*
— [Washington Times \(Sep 21, 2014\)](#)

22. **shrewd**

marked by practical hardheaded intelligence

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*It's about good taste, **shrewd** decisions and wise spending.*
— [Seattle Times \(Sep 28, 2014\)](#)

23. **urinate**

eliminate urine

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*"Oh. And I suppose they **urinate** on the rockets too, to mark their territory?" p. 159, *Laika* by Nick Abadzis*

24. **jettison**

throw away, of something encumbering

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*The president, you can be sure, will not suddenly **jettison** the entire law, which he considers his signature accomplishment.*
— [Washington Times \(Sep 10, 2014\)](#)

25. **euthanasia**

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

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Belgium has allowed **euthanasia** since 2002 in cases where patients' physical or psychological suffering is incurable and constant.*
— [Washington Times \(Sep 16, 2014\)](#)

