

*Little Men*

Vocabulary List 2

magnanimous: showing a noble, generous spirit

inexplicable: unable to be explained; explicable: able to be explained; in- as a prefix means not

ingratitude: ungrateful, not showing thanks for a kindness done to you; gratitude: showing thanks; in- as a prefix means not

perversity: the state of being corrupted; This is a noun. Perverse is an adjective. Perverse means to be corrupt or having turned from good to bad. Changing the end of the word changes it into a noun with the same meaning.

indignant: feeling or showing anger because of an injustice

irrepressible: impossible to repress, control; Repress means to hold back or subdue. -ible or -able as a suffix means able to. -ir as a prefix means not. So, put them together and it means not able to be held back.

salver: a flat metal serving tray (not important to learn, but it's in the story, and I thought you would like to know what it is talking about)

salable: suitable for sale; pronounced (sale-able); -able as a suffix means able to. So, this means able to be sold.

vaguely: not clearly or precisely; what part of speech is this word? (It ends in -LY.) Vague is the adjective form of this word.