

VOCABULARY FOR CHAPTERS 1-7 OF AND THEN THERE WERE NONE

Chapter ONE: (pp. 1-17)

cleaving – cutting

deportment – the manner of conducting oneself

gramophones – phonographs

recumbent – lying down, resting

sine qua non – an essential condition, qualification

Chapter TWO: (pp. 18-41)

apparition – a ghost

cairngorm – a yellow or brown variety of quartz

chancery – a division of the High Court of Justice in England

fraternizing – associating with in a friendly way

malevolence – spiteful, full of malice or ill will

sinister – threatening harm, evil

surreptitious – in a secret, stealthy way

tartar – stubborn person

Chapter THREE: (pp.43-61)

adroitly – skillfully

caustic – cutting or sarcastic

forage – a search for food or provisions

impromptu – without preparation or thought; spur of the moment

interposed – interrupt or introduce a remark in a conversation

preposterous – absurdly ridiculous

Swan Song – final creative work before retirement or death

verisimilitude – the appearance of being true or real

Chapter Four: (pp.64-74)

ably – skillfully

babel – confusion of voices or sounds [British spelling of babble]

covertly – concealed or hidden

epistolary – letter writing

exonerated – freed from charges of illegality

ferret – to force out of hiding, to search for

iniquitous – wicked, unjust

penal – legal punishment

pukka sahib – good master

purports – claims

reconnaissance – exploratory

servitude – work imposed as a punishment

tumult – noisy commotion

Chapter Five: (pp. 75-89)

asphyxiation – suffocation

capricious – changing abruptly without apparent reason

decorous – having good taste

inert – having no movement

pious – religious devotion or moral motives

rancour – spite or malice [British spelling]

rheumatic – painful joints and muscles, stiffness

vehement – intense feeling or strong passion

Chapter Six: (pp. 91-106)

balmy – crazy

chastisement – punishment

desultory – disconnected, random

ejaculations – exclamations

obliquely – not straight to the point, evasive

probationer – a person who is in training for a position

solicitude – care or concern

Chapter Seven: (pp.107-119)

acquiesced – agreed with

forte – the thing a person does very well

hypocrisy – pretending to be what a person is not

stiletto – a small dagger with a thin tapering blade