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Vocabulary for *The Great Gatsby* Chapters 1-4

In your reading, you may encounter some more challenging words. For each chapter there are definitions for words you will find in that chapter. You will write down the page number where that word appears on the blank. In the space provided, you and write down either your own example of the word or the sentence in which it appears in the book.

Chapter 1:

Pg. ____ privy— participating in the knowledge of something private or secret

Pg. ____ feign— to make believe; pretend

Pg. ____ levity— a manner lacking seriousness

Pg. ____ elation— a feeling or state of great joy or pride; exultant gladness; high spirits

Pg. ____ contemptuously/contemptuous— showing or feeling disapproval or distain toward something a parson considers mean, vile, or worthless; scornful

Pg. ____ infinitesimal—immeasurably small; less than an assignable quantity

Pg. ____ cynical—distrusting, criticizing, or mocking the motives of others; pessimistic: glass is half empty mentality

Chapter 2:

Pg. ____ solemn— formal; serious; sober; lacking humor or happiness

Pg. ____ vitality— liveliness; energy (physical and/or mental); spirit; vigor

Pg. ____ discreet— marked by caution, prudence, or modesty and wise self-restraint: subtle

Pg. _____ incessant—never-ending; ceaseless

Pg. _____ shiftless— lazy, without ambition

Chapter 3:

Pg. _____ fortnight— fourteen nights—two weeks

Pg. _____ prodigality— extravagant wastefulness

Pg. _____ erroneous— incorrect; wrong

Pg. _____ vacuous— empty: lacking ideas or intelligence; dumb

Pg. _____ jauntiness/jaunty— perky; confident; carefree

Pg. _____ dissension— disagreement; difference of opinion

Chapter 4:

Pg. _____ sporadic— periodic; random; happening at irregular intervals

Pg. _____ punctilious— painstaking: meticulous: strict attention to minute details

Pg. _____ disconcerting— confusing; disturbing; causing emotional disturbance

Pg. _____ retribution— something justly deserved; taking revenge or correcting a wrong

Pg. _____ juxtaposition— placing two or more things side by side to emphasize differences;
make the contrasts obvious