

ISLAND STING VOCABULARY

Though there are often several definitions for the following words, the meanings in this list apply to their usage in Island Sting.

Chapter 1

1. canal – n. narrow man-made waterway
2. mangrove – n. tropical seaside trees or shrubs that send out many above-ground prop roots
3. miscalculated – v. got it wrong
4. flounder – v. struggle

Chapter 2

1. distinguish – v. recognize
2. adrenaline – n. . A hormone secreted by the adrenal gland in response to physical or mental stress (as from fear). It increases heart rate, blood pressure, and respiratory (breathing) rate.
3. victorious – adj. winning
4. treading water – a skill that allows a swimmer to remain afloat, in one place, in an upright position, with the least expenditure of energy
5. hypothermia - n. dangerously low body temperature
6. ventilate (medical) – v. the act of reviving and returning someone to consciousness by forcing air into lungs

Chapter 3

1. irresponsible – adj. careless, reckless
2. daze – n. state of confusion
3. karma – n. luck, fortune
4. menacing – adj. scary
5. mangy – (main-gee) adj. shabby and dirty
6. poacher – n. someone who hunts or fishes illegally, thief

Chapter 4

1. negotiable – adj. open to discussion
2. forage – v. search for food
3. rhythmically – adv. regularly patterned
4. hypnotized – adj. under a spell
5. restricting – trans. v. limiting, controlling
6. enhance – v. improve
7. reassured – adj. free from worry
8. scavengers – n. animals that feed on scraps or dead creatures.
9. avenge (avenging) - adj. getting even or taking revenge

Chapter 5

1. nautically – adv. relating to ships, sailors, or boat
2. gruesome – adj. involving death or injury in a horrible way
3. stern – n. back of boat
4. nasally – adv. relating to the nose

Chapter 6

5. grimacing- v. frowning, making a face
6. mesmerizing- v. attention grabbing
7. syrupy – adj. sickeningly sweet
8. venom –n. poison
9. extraordinary – adj. amazing
- 10.snaggin' my line- Angelo's way of saying "yanking my chain" or "teasing me"
- 11.protruding – adj. sticking out (of the ground)
- 12.juvies – n. short for juvenile, babies
- 13.ditz – n. a silly person
- 14.klutz – n. a clumsy person, someone who often has accidents.
- 15.deflect – v. prevent (continued on next page)

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- 16.mystical – adj. magical
- 17.pungent – adj. strong odor
- 18.escalating – v. growing in strength
- 19.carnivorous – adj. meat eating
- 20.herbivorous – adj. plant eating
- 21.omnivorous – adj. both meat and plant eating
- 22.encyclopedic – adj. a large amount of detailed information
- 23.threadbare – adj. tattered and worn, shabby
- 24.swamped – v. flooded

Chapter 7

1. tarantula – n. large hairy spider that eats small reptiles and birds
2. offensive – adj. disgusting
3. compassionate – adj. kind
4. doused – v. put out (as in a fire)
5. Officer Kaczynski – “Ka-zin-skee”
6. maintenance – repair work

Chapter 8

1. perspiration – n. sweat
2. levitated – v. floated in air
3. desolation (desolate) –n empty, bare, gloomy
4. intermittent – adj. not regular, off and on
5. emblazoned – v. decorated
6. insignia – n. sign, logo
7. droned – v. hummed, whirred
8. dehydrated – adj. dried out, parched
9. exerted – v. exercised
- 10.peninsula – n. narrow land jutting into water
- 11.appropriate – adj. correct, proper
- 12.hammock – n. forested land rising above a marsh

- 13.administered – v. tended to medical needs
- 14.deceased – adj./ n. dead
- 15.susceptible – adj. at risk
- 16.tuberculosis – n. infectious lung disease
- 17.CPR – n. medical treatment to make someone breathe again (cardiopulmonary resuscitation)

Chapter 9

1. aggravated – v. irritated, made worse
2. origin – n. starting point
3. undisciplined – adj. out of control
4. traipsed – v. tramped, walked
5. prolific – adj. capable of making more
6. injection – n. shot (as in medicine)
7. precarious – adj. unsafe
8. vendor – n. seller
9. melodic – adj. pleasing music
- 10.pavilion – n. outdoor structure
- 11.coupon – n. ticket good for a gift or discount
- 12.formulating – v. creating, inventing
- 13.moronic – adj. silly, foolish
- 14.parallel – adj. side by side running always same distance apart
- 15.indebted – adj. grateful, thankful
- 16.calloused – adj. thickened, hard skin
- 17.dignity – n. pride
- 18.elusive – adj. difficult to find or identify

Chapter 10

1. maneuvered – v. moved with skill
2. visualized – v. pictured in the mind
3. despicable – adj. shameful, evil, awful
4. osprey – large fish-eating hawk with dark stripe around eyes (continued on next page)

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5. territory – n. area, land, terrain
6. statistics – n. information, facts
7. trudged – v. walk with slow, heavy steps
8. hoisted – v. lifted, heaved

Chapter 11

1. fronds – n. branches
2. proclaimed – v. said for all to hear
3. inbreeding – n. producing animals from closely related family members
4. unkempt – adj. messy, untidy
5. habitat – n. environment, home
6. intentional – adj. on purpose
7. charred – adj. burnt
8. preparation – n. getting all needs ready
9. cringed – v. moved back suddenly in a frightened way

Chapter 12

1. noted – v. saw, observed
2. sculpture – n. object made as work of art by shaping stone, metal, wood, etc.
3. camouflaged – adj. hidden
4. rambling – adj. growing in a disorganized way
5. feigning – v. pretending, faking
6. nonchalance – n. lack of interest or worry
7. tiki hut – n. small hand built structure with thatched palm-frond roof
8. bougainvillea – n. tropical plant with bright flowers and thorns
9. homily – n. lecture, speech, sermon
10. decibel – n. unit of loudness
11. congregation – n. people attending church
12. sacramental – adj. something that shows religious devotion

13. communal – adj. shared
14. thatched – adj. woven with palm fronds
15. resounded – v. made a long echoing sound
16. terrestrial – adj. earth bound
17. reef – n. underwater ocean ridge of coral
18. bulletin – n. newsletter
19. deadpanned – v. said with no emotion on purpose
20. navigate – v. find one's way
21. sarcasm – n. mocking
22. anticipating – v. waiting for
23. diss – v. speak disrespectfully to someone
24. immersed – adj. 1. giving all your energy;
2. under water
25. avoidance – adj. act of staying away from
26. techniques – adj. methods
27. submissions – n. ideas
28. categories – n. groups, types, kinds
29. financing – n. support with money
30. origami – n. art of paper folding
31. chamber of commerce – n organization of local business people
32. winced – v. made a pained facial expression
33. recruit – v. sign up, hire
34. sponge fisherman – fisher of ocean animals with porous fibrous skeletons that are cured and dried for use in washing and bathing.
35. crucial – adj. important

Chapter 13

1. devastating – adj. very upsetting
2. marionette – n. puppet on strings
3. composure – n. calm, self-control
4. shallow – adj. not thinking deeply, having few emotions
5. pamphlets – n. booklets, paper guides
6. disposable – adj. not reusable, throwaways

Chapter 14

1. baying – v. howling, barking
2. massaged – v. rubbed
3. gnarled – adj. crooked, bent
4. channel – n. waterway
5. tentatively – adv. shyly
6. emerging – adj. appearing, coming into sight
7. detain – v. hold, delay
8. telepathed – v. communicated mind to mind
9. eruption – n. flare-up
10. telegraphed – v. communicated without words
11. pent-up – adj. built-up, contained not expressed
12. gumbo-limbo – n. a tree native to Florida that sheds leaves and has peeling reddish bark
13. prowess – n. skill
14. fizzle – n. hiss
15. deserted – adj. abandoned, left
16. opposition – n. competition, opposite side
17. ludicrously – adv. foolishly

Chapter 15

1. wallowing – v. spending time in self-pity
2. inflammation – n. soreness, swelling
3. divine – adj. heavenly, coming from god
4. garbled – adj. mumbled
5. surveillance (reports)- adj. spy reports
6. campaign – n. actions for change
7. wielded – v. waved around, carried
8. wicker (wicker chair)– adj. woven

Chapter 16

1. dilute – v. weaken
2. identifiable – adj. recognizable, able to know what something or someone is
3. convenience – n. ease of use
4. serial – adj. one after another

5. diminished – adj. lessened, weakened
6. rectory – n. home of a minister or preacher
7. anatomy – n. physical body
8. antennae – n. receivers, feelers
9. prehistoric – adj. ancient, very old

Chapter 17

1. troupe – n. theatre group
2. elegant – adj. stylish, graceful
3. malaria – n. tropical disease caused by bite of mosquitoes
4. eliminates – v. gets rid of

Chapter 18

1. pseudo – adj. fake, bogus
2. enunciating – v. speaking
3. escalated – v. grew quickly
4. aggravating – adj. annoying
5. potential – n. possible
6. royal poinciana – n. tropical tree with clusters of bright red flowers
7. persuasive – adj. good at making people do what you want
8. bulging – adj. over stuffed
9. parolee – n. prisoner released as long as he/she behaves well

Chapter 19

1. facial – adj. on the face
2. accumulation – n. buildup of a collection
3. discards – n. throw-outs
4. twinge – n. a little pain
5. authorities – n. people in charge
6. stance – n. posture, way of standing
7. overboard – adv. off boat in water

Chapter 20

1. delinquents – n. people who break laws or do wrong
2. barrage – n. continuous burst of something
3. agitated – adj. uptight, restless

Chapter 21

1. enforcement – n. making people obey the law
2. defects – n. errors, flaws
3. devastating – adj. highly destructive
4. captivated – v. fascinated, highly interested
5. swiveled – v. rotated freely
6. periscope – n. tube that extends above water on a submarine to allow a viewer to see
7. shoal – n. underwater sandbank
8. destination – n. end of trip
9. reverberated – v. echoed
10. excrement – n. waste discharged from body
11. preened – v. groomed, cleaned
12. reeked – v. smelled really bad
13. squeamish – adj. easily upset
14. curing – v. preserving by drying
15. geysers – n. jets of hot water and steam that shoot into the air from underground
16. mutant – adj. changed, distorted, malformed
17. mottled – adj. marked with irregular patches of color

Chapter 22

1. option – n. choice
2. discriminate – v. play favorites
3. maniac – n. uncontrolled person
4. monitored – v. observed, checked, watched over
5. flailed – v. waved, flapped
6. predator – n. hunter, killer
7. plunged – v. dived, dropped
8. excruciating – adj. terrible, severe

Chapter 23

1. skewered – v. pierced
2. rampaged – v. charged violently
3. rifle-chopped – v. hack at with a rifle
4. bumbled – v. moved awkwardly, in a clumsy way
5. cowering – v. trembling, shying away in fear
6. squelched – v. muffled, hushed
7. stealth – adj. secret, sneaky
8. guzzled – v. gulped quickly
9. lasered – v. cut sharply like a powerful beam of light
10. staccato- adj. rapid short beat
11. furtive – adj. secret, cautious
12. bobble-headed – adj. wobbling like a bobble head doll
13. emitting – v. releasing, producing
14. putrid – adj. rotten, foul smelling
15. spent (spent casings) – used bullet shells
16. reinforcements – n. back ups
17. tranquilizers – n. drugs to make sleepy
18. Nolan Ryan – proper noun- Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher
19. eliciting – v. causing
20. sedated – v. drugged
21. medieval – adj. cruel and old-fashioned
22. contraption – n. piece of equipment
23. exact (exact revenge) – take revenge

Chapter 24

1. tampering – v. messing with
2. APB – n. All Points Bulletin, urgent message to all police
3. auspicious – adj. promising success
4. mother lode – n. plentiful supply
5. dregs – n. waste, scum, leftovers (continued on next page.)

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6. rupture – v. crack open
7. hastened – v. rushed
8. sheepish – adj. ashamed
9. irate – adj. very angry
10. unsettling – adj. troubling, worrying

Chapter 25

1. ruthless – adj. without pity
2. exceptional – adj. special
3. unique – adj. one of a kind
4. shimmering – adj. sparkling
5. quipped – v. joked
6. clambered – v. climbed quickly and awkwardly
7. corralled – v. took control

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