

Frankenstein Vocabulary

amiable: likeable, friendly

anguish: pain, suffering

beheld: looked at

benefactor: helper, someone who does good to another

bestow: to give

blameless: without guilt, innocent

cheerfulness: happiness, good humour

confide: tell, recount

consternation: fear, surprise, shock

countenance: face

desert: abandon

deserted: lonely, abandoned

despair: to give up hope

detestable: hateful, ugly, horrible

dispositions: prospects, abilities

dust: dirt, earth, ground here used as a metaphor for poverty

dwelling: habitation, home, house, living-place

ensued: followed

favour: help, support, friendship

good will: good intentions, support

harsh: hard, rough, ugly

hideousness: ugliness

hitherto: until now

hovel: very small and uncomfortable hut, house

illuminated: lit up

injure: hurt

instigate: incite, encourage

intrusion: interruption, uninvited entrance

irresolute: undecided

mournful: sad

neighbouring: nearby, in the next town or village

outcast: thrown out, rejected person

overwhelming: overpowering, strong

persuades: convinces

planks: pieces of wood

procure: find, obtain

reside: live

retreat: hiding place

sagacity: wisdom, intelligence

serviceable: helpful

sobbed: cried, wept

strewed: covered, lay upon

tumult: commotion, chaos

undertake: carry out, begin

unfortunate: unhappy, unlucky

unprejudiced: without prior opinion or bias, not influenced by former beliefs

wants: needs