

4. There are several difficult words in the story. Look the words up in advance. Make a vocabulary sheet for yourself before you read the story. As you encounter each word, use your vocabulary sheet to help you understand what is going on in the story.

misanthropy

epoch

inquisitive

trifles

preposterous

conjectures pertinacity

enigma

nonce

indisposed

perseverance

moody misanthropy

oblong

acumen

morose

eccentricity

evinced no equivocal disposition to coquet with the men

so fastidious

unabated

the semblance of mirth

covert insinuations, or innuendoes

incoherently

prodigious