

Essential Vocabulary (Literature)

An Inspector Calls

Adjectives (describe a noun)

Avaricious
Pompous
Remorseful
Prejudiced
Juvenile
Reckless
Repentant
Intransigent
Moralistic
Systematic
Didactic
Blunt
Naïve
Materialistic
Perceptive
Aloof

Nouns (person/place/thing/idea)

Antithesis
Social and moral epiphany
Aristocrat
Prophet/ mouthpiece/conscience
Symbol of Edwardian capitalism
Socialist
Misogynist
Hypocrite
derision/criticism/contempt/fear/admiration/pity

Verbs (describe an action)

Evoke
Infantilise

Macbeth

Adjectives (describe a noun)

Supernatural
Ambiguous
Coercive
Manipulative
Duplicious
Patriarchal
Contemporary
Unconventional
Courageous/ noble/ honourable
Cunning
Hubristic
World-weary

Nouns (person/place/thing/idea)

Prophecy
Paradox
Indecision
Ambition
Cowardice/courage
Tragedy
Regicide
Treason
Depravity
Ruthless
Futile
Equivocation/ Dissemblance
Tyrant
Corruption

Verbs (describe an action)

Manipulate/coerce
Emasculate
Exploit

A Christmas Carol

Adjectives (describe a noun)

Avaricious/altruistic
Misanthropic / philanthropic
Malevolent/benevolent
Isolated
Redeemed
Meagre
Liberated
Humble
Angelic
Abundant
Sentimentalised
Ominous
Repentant
Jovial

Nouns (person/place/thing/idea)

Symbol of Victorian capitalism
Echoes Malthusianism sentiment
Miser
Morality
Evokes a mixture of disapproval & sympathy/ fear
Undergoes a rebirth
Epitome of Christmas spirit
Symbol of the plight of the poor
Wealth/poverty
Omniscient narrator

Verbs (describe an action)

Critique
Portray

Analytical Terminology

Language

Symbolism	Rhetorical question
Pathetic fallacy	Contrast
Dramatic tension	Juxtaposition
Religious allusion	Hyperbole
Irony	Adjective/noun/verb/adverb
Emotive moments	Simile/metaphor
Juxtaposition	Personification
Semantic field	Alliteration
Hamartia	
Direct address	
/sensory language	

Structure

Dramatic irony	Foreshadowing
Establish	Cyclical plot
Inciting incident	Perspective
Rising action	Focus
Volta / climax	Soliloquy
Falling action	Aside
Denouement	Stage directions
Tension	Motif
Prolepsis (flash forward)	
Analepsis (flashback)	

Form

Allegory
Tragedy
Well-made play
Morality play
Crime thriller