Charlotte’s Web Vocabulary

**Chapters 1-3:**

Captivity – to be held in a place under control by another  
Injustice – a wrong-doing, violating another’s rights  
Litter – a set of offspring from one birth  
Manure – animal waste  
Peered – to look or peek  
Runt – an undersized animal; the smallest animal of the litter  
Slops – waste food used to feed pigs or other animals  
Trough – a long, narrow, shallow feeding bin for animals

**Chapters 4-6:**

Compunctions – uneasiness caused by guilt

Decency – meeting acceptable moral and social standards

Detested – to dislike a lot

Glutton – one who eats large amounts of food; someone who can withstand a lot

of something

Goslings – a young goose

Inheritance – to come into the possession of from another person

Lair – the den of a wild animal

Scheming – to make secret plans

**Chapters 7-9:**

Campaign – to plan to reach a goal by persuading others to agree with you

Loathed – to greatly dislike

Oblige – to do a favor for

Rigid – not bending or moving

Spinnerets – structures in spiders that make silk threads

Summoning – to send for

Vaguely – not clearly expressed

**Chapters 10-12:**

Bestirred – to cause to become active

Bewilderment – to be confused

Exertion – to put forth effort

Idiosyncrasy – behavioral characteristic unique to a group or person

Mercy – to give relief; to be forgiving and kind

Miraculous – having power to work miracles

**Chapters 13-15:**

Alders – any shrub or tree

Anxiety – uneasiness; intense fear

Ascend – to move upward

Monotonous – repetitiously dull

Radial – arranged like rays; radiating from a common center

Rummaging – to search thoroughly through things

Secure – free from harm or danger

**Chapters 16-18:**

Aloft – in a high place

Blatting – bleating/cry of a sheep; to make a harsh noise

Buttermilk – sour milk

Dragline – a line used for dragging

Genuine – pure; honest

Knothole – a hole in wood

**Chapters 19-22:**

Commotion – disturbance; to cause disorder

Gorge – to eat a lot

Indigestion – stomach ache

Meekly – gentle

Phenomenon – an unusual event or happening

Retorted – to reply quickly

Triumph – to win