All the Pretty Horses Part I Vocabulary

1. [forebear](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/forebear) a person from whom you are descended
2. [veneer](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/veneer) coating consisting of a thin layer of superior wood glued to a base of inferior wood
3. [mantel](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/mantel) shelf that projects from wall above fireplace
4. [prairie](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/prairie) a treeless grassy plain
5. [abate](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/abate) become less in amount or intensity
6. [influenza](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/influenza) an acute febrile highly contagious viral disease
7. [swivel](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/swivel) a coupling (as in a chain) that has one end that turns on a headed pin
8. [yoke](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/yoke) link with or as with a yoke
9. [splice](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/splice) join the ends of
10. [meek](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/meek) humble in spirit or manner; suggesting retiring mildness or even cowed submissiveness
11. [corral](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/corral) a pen for cattle
12. [mezzanine](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/mezzanine) intermediate floor just above the ground floor
13. [plateau](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/plateau) a relatively flat highland
14. [usher](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/usher) someone employed to conduct others
15. [alcove](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/alcove) a small recess opening off a larger room
16. [firmament](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/firmament) the apparent surface of the imaginary sphere on which celestial bodies appear to be projected
17. [conscience](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/conscience) a feeling of shame when you do something immoral
18. [brim](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/brim) a circular projection that sticks outward from the crown of a hat
19. [yonder](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/yonder) at or in an indicated (usually distant) place (`yon' is archaic and dialectal)
20. [chaff](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/chaff) material consisting of seed coverings and small pieces of stem or leaves t that have been separated from the seeds
21. [graze](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/graze) feed as in a meadow or pasture
22. [reckon](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/reckon) deem to be
23. [bluff](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/bluff) a high steep bank (usually formed by river erosion)
24. [suture](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/suture) a seam used in surgery
25. [myriad](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/myriad) a large indefinite number
26. [shoal](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/shoal) a sandbank in a stretch of water that is visible at low tide
27. [shallow](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/shallow) lacking physical depth; having little spatial extension downward or inward from an outer surface or backward or outward from a center
28. [slump](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/slump) fall or sink heavily
29. [notch](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/notch) a V-shaped indentation
30. [rivulet](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/rivulet) a small stream
31. [drought](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/drought) a shortage of rainfall
32. [wedge](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/wedge) something solid that is usable as an inclined plane (shaped like a V) that can be pushed between two things to separate them
33. [cauterize](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/cauterize) burn, sear, or freeze (tissue) using a hot iron or electric current or a caustic agent
34. [huddle](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/huddle) crouch or curl up
35. [desiccated](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/desiccated) thoroughly dried out
36. [alight](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/alight) lighted up by or as by fire or flame
37. [plumb](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/plumb) completely; used as intensifiers
38. [arroyo](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/arroyo) a stream or brook
39. [impale](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/impale) pierce with a sharp stake or point
40. [serf](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/serf) (Middle Ages) a person who is bound to the land and owned by the feudal lord
41. [pluck](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/pluck) pull or pull out sharply
42. [bedlam](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/bedlam) a state of extreme confusion and disorder
43. [founder](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/founder) stumble and nearly fall
44. [heifer](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/heifer) young cow
45. [carcass](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/carcass) the dead body of an animal especially one slaughtered and dressed for food
46. [squall](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/squall) make high-pitched, whiney noises
47. [cull](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/cull) look for and gather
48. [totter](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/totter) move unsteadily, with a rocking motion
49. [slight](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/slight) (quantifier used with mass nouns) small in quantity or degree; not much or almost none or (with `a') at least some
50. [pendulum](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/pendulum) an apparatus consisting of an object mounted so that it swings freely under the influence of gravity