Chapter 3 vocabulary The Pearl

1. [colonial](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/colonial)

relating to a body of people who settle far from home

*A town is a thing like a****colonial****animal.*

1. [stern](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/stern)

of a strict bearing or demeanor; forbidding in aspect

*And when it was   
made plain who Kino was, the doctor grew****stern****and judicious at the   
same time.*

1. [judicious](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/judicious)

marked by the exercise of good judgment in practical matters

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made plain who Kino was, the doctor grew stern and****judicious****at the   
same time.*

1. [luxurious](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/luxurious)

furnishing gratification to the senses

*He remembered the   
room he had lived in there as a great and****luxurious****place, and he   
remembered the hard-faced woman who had lived with him as a beautiful   
and kind girl, although she had been none of these three.*

1. [semblance](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/semblance)

an outward appearance that is deliberately misleading

*For there were not many buyers really-   
there was only one, and he kept these agents in separate offices to   
give a****semblance****of competition.*

1. [essence](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/essence)

the choicest or most vital part of some idea or experience

*The****essence****of pearl mixed with****essence****of men and a curious   
dark residue was precipitated.*

1. [scheme](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/scheme)

an elaborate and systematic plan of action

*Kino's pearl, and Kino's pearl went into the dreams, the speculations,   
the****schemes****, the plans, the futures, the wishes, the needs, the lusts,   
the hungers, of everyone, and only one person stood in the way and that   
was Kino, so that he became curiously every man's enemy.*

1. [disparagement](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/disparagement)

a communication that belittles somebody or something

*And this is said in****disparagement****, whereas it is one of the greatest   
talents the species has and one that has made it superior to animals   
that are satisfied with what they have.*

1. [prophecy](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/prophecy)

a prediction uttered under divine inspiration

*But Kino's face shone with****prophecy****.*

1. [reluctant](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/reluctant)

not eager

*They   
knew they should go to their own dinners, but they were****reluctant****to   
leave.*

1. [subjugation](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/subjugation)

forced submission to control by others

*Kino stood in the door, filling it, and hatred raged and flamed in back   
of his eyes, and fear too, for the hundreds of years of****subjugation****were cut deep in him.*

1. [anxiety](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/anxiety)

a vague unpleasant emotion in anticipation of a misfortune

*Now Juana had the baby under her shawl, and she stared at it with****anxiety****and fear.*

1. [concealed](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/concealed)

not accessible to view

*He wrapped the pearl in   
the rag, then went to the corner of the brush house and dug a little   
hole with his fingers in the dirt floor, and he put the pearl in the   
hole and covered it up and****concealed****the place.*

1. [caress](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/caress)

touch or stroke lightly in a loving or endearing manner

*The neighbors showed one another with their thumbs   
how big the pearl was, and they made little****caressing****gestures to show   
how lovely it was.*

1. [dissembling](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/dissembling)

pretending with intention to deceive

*He was not good   
at****dissembling****and he was very well understood.*

1. [taut](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/taut)

pulled or drawn tight

*Kino's eyes were hooded now, his cheeks were drawn****taut****.*

1. [inaudible](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/inaudible)

impossible to hear; imperceptible by the ear

*Then from the corner of the house came a sound so soft that it might   
have been simply a thought, a little furtive movement, a touch of a   
foot on earth, the almost****inaudible****purr of controlled breathing.*

1. [brooding](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/brooding)

deeply or seriously thoughtful

*"It   
is nothing," Kino said, but his eyes and his voice were hard and cold   
and a****brooding****hate was growing in him.*

1. [scowl](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/scowl)

frown with displeasure

*His dark eyes****scowled****into the little fire, and for   
the first time he knew that his knife was still in his hands, and he   
raised the blade and looked at it and saw a little line of blood on the   
steel.*

1. [diffuse](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/diffuse)

spread out; not concentrated in one place

*He could see the little image of the consecrated   
candle reflected in the soft surface of the pearl, and he heard again   
in his ears the lovely music of the undersea, the tone of the****diffused****green light of the sea bottom.*