

Spelling list: Short Stories - The Red Room by H.G. Wells

key words

withered	The old woman's shrivelled skin looked withered with age.
shambling	Tired and exhausted, he eventually slowed down to a shambling walk.
askance	He looked askance at the kind offer, eyes full of suspicion and disapproval.
significance	Detective Black tried to figure out the significance of the footprints left at the crime scene.
grotesque	The beast gazed in disbelief at his grotesque reflection in the mirror.
protagonist	The protagonist is the main character in the play.
gaunt	The haggard old man looked gaunt from starvation.
custodian	Although the it did not belong to him, he had spent many years as custodian of the old house, caring for it as though it were his own.
senility	At the age of 90 he still showed no signs of senility , his mind and body were like those of a man half his age.
atavistic	The monster looked primeval, an atavistic creature from ancient times.
baize	The top of the snooker table was covered with a bright-green woolen cloth called baize .
pallid	The distressed woman's face had the pallid look of death, pale and ashen.
supernatural	The house was filled with supernatural evil spirits who looked like humans and possessed supernatural powers.
spectre	The dead man's spectre haunts the castle at night, he is but a ghost.
omen	The black bird was an omen , a warning sign of bad things to come. She was a sceptic when it came to the lottery, she didn't think she would

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ever win.