## Spelling list: Short Stories - The Monkey's Paw by W.W. Jacobs

Key words from the story

valiant The soldier made a **valiant** attempt to save the man from falling.

grimace A **grimace** appeared on the man's face as he entered the cold water.

The detective looked **curiously** at the crooked painting hanging above the

curiously fireplace.

blotchy His face was red and **blotchy** after playing football in the heat.

mischief That child is getting up to **mischief** again.

solemn After the bad news **solemn** music was played.

henpecked His wife nagged and tormented him so much that he felt **henpecked** .

vivid The sky was filled with the **vivid** colours of the rainbow.

Peering He awoke to find his mother **peering** down at him.

sinister Even in the daytime the house looked **sinister** .

Disclaimed The driver **disclaimed** any responsibility for the accident.

afresh The writer had made so made errors that his only hope was to start **afresh**.

She was so **preoccupied** with her thoughts that she failed to notice the

doorbell ringing.

Resounded The schoolyard **resounded** with the laughter of children.

preoccupied