

Spelling list: MR literacy gothic word list

dank	The air was dank and cold.
desolation	Words are powerless to describe the desolation of that prison.
dreary	Tuesday dawned a dreary overcast day.
festering	The festering wound did not heal.
insidious	He experienced the insidious influence of social media.
malevolent	She gave a malevolent flash of her eyes.
nefarious	I wouldn't like to meet such nefarious characters down a dark alleyway.
ominous	The grey clouds looked ominous in the sky.
oppressive	The country is ruled by an oppressive regime.
respite	The land prospered rapidly during this respite from war.
sinister	The old lady looked sinister .
sombre	The mood at the funeral was sombre .
suffocating	The atmosphere was suffocating .
amorphous	White lead is an earthy, amorphous powder.
opaque	I cannot see through the glass because it is opaque .
tenebrous	They slept in a decaying hotel with infinite tenebrous corridors.
aghast	I'm aghast at the huge rise in food prices.
appalled	Miss Leicester was appalled by the mess.