

Classics for Juniors: Merlin the Magician

Online Story Listening - Glossaries

The Sword in The Stone:

Tidings – News, Information

Enchanted – Under a spell, full of magic

Outlaws – A person who has broken the law and remains un-captured

Looting – Stealing

Squabbling – Arguing

Cathedral – A large and important church building

Jutting Out – Poking out, protruding

Tournament – Competition

Thronging – Crowd of people moving as one

Reins – Leather straps used to steer a horse

Glimpsed – See briefly

Wizard – A man who has magical powers

Destiny – Fate, idea that the future has already been written

Loyalty – Strong support or allegiance, perhaps to king, country or family

Nobleman – A well off man

Pentecost – A Christian festival

Baron – British nobleman

Courage – Bravery

The First Battle:

Lull of peace – A rest, a brief break where all is peaceful

Hostile – Unfriendly or unpleasant

Baying for Arthur's blood – Wanting to kill Arthur

Heed – Pay attention

Dwell – To live

Wondrous – Wonderful or extraordinary

Deed – Something that is done

Realm – Area of the country that the King rules

Allegiance – Loyalty, devotion to a King

Gaunt – When a person is very thin and pale, looks unwell

Meddling – To get involved in a situation that is nothing to do with you

Opponent – A person on the opposite side, the enemy

Surrender – To give up, to stop fighting

Excalibur:

Vengeance – Punishment for doing wrong

Golden Pavilion – A small temple

Joust – Competition where knights fight on horseback using lances

Lance – Long wooden weapon with a pointed head

Coward – A person lacking in courage or bravery

Dazed – Shocked or confused

Yield – To give up or give in

Hermitage – Where a hermit lives

Hermit – A religious person living in solitude

Ashamed – Feeling embarrassed or guilty about something you have done

Avalon – An enchanted island featured in the King Arthur stories

Scabbard – The sheath for a sword or dagger

Excalibur – King Arthur's sword

Warrior – A brave and experience fighter