



The Scarlet Letter

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Glossary

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English	Description in English	Spanish
adultery	sex between a married person and someone who is not their husband or wife	adulterio
balcony	a platform built on the upstairs outside of a building	balcón / terraza
bosom	a woman's chest, or the part of her clothing that covers it	seno / pechera
cheek	either side of the face below the eyes	mejilla
cottage	a small, simple house, usually in the country	casa de campo
devil	a bad, evil person (the Devil is the enemy of God)	diablo, demonio
election	a time when people vote to choose a new government	elecciones
evil	very bad; harmful	malo
forehead	the part of the face above the eyes	frente
forgive	to stop feeling angry with someone who has done something to harm or annoy you	perdonar
godly	living a good life that follows the laws of your religion	piadoso
Governor	a person who controls part of a country	gobernador
grave	a hole in the ground where a dead person is buried	tumba
gravestone	a stone on a grave showing the buried person's name	lápida
graveyard	a piece of land near a church where people are buried	cementerio
guilty	having done something that is against the law	culpable
heaven	the place where God is believed to live	cielo
Indians / Red Indians	the original people in America before the white men came (used in Hawthorne's time, but not acceptable today; people now use "Native American" or "American Indian")	indios (de América) / indios pielrojas
innocent	having done nothing wrong	inocente

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joy	a very happy feeling	alegría
magic	making strange or mysterious things happen, which cannot easily be explained	magia
magistrate	a person who works as a judge in a court of law	magistrado
master	(old fashioned) a polite word for an important man	amo / señor
medical	of or about medicine or doctors	médico (adj)
mercy	being kind and forgiving to somebody who has done wrong (adj merciful)	misericordia, compasión (adj misericordioso)
meteor	a piece of rock from outer space that burns brightly when it hits the Earth's air	meteoro
Mistress	(old fashioned) a polite word for a married woman	ama / señora
mood	the way you are feeling at a particular time	humor (p.e. estar de buen humor)
needle	a small thin piece of metal that you use for sewing	aguja
nervous	afraid, not confident	nervioso
pale	with little colour in the face	pálido
partner	somebody you work with or have a relationship with	compañero (de trabajo, etc.)
passion	a very strong feeling (of love, hate, anger, enthusiasm, etc.)	pasión
pray	to send a message, silent or spoken, to God	rezar
priest	an official at a church	sacerdote / cura
public (adj)	able to be seen or known by everybody	público
Puritans	a group of Christians in the 16th and 17th centuries who believed in living a simple life with hard work and little fun	puritanos
religion	a belief in a god or gods, and the different ways of showing the belief (adj religious)	religión / (adj religioso)
respect (v)	to have a very good opinion of someone	respeto
scaffold	a high platform where criminals are killed in public	patíbulo
sermon	a talk on a religious subject, given by a priest	sermón
shame	feelings of guilt when you have done something wrong or sinful; or the loss of respect caused by wrongdoing or sin	vergüenza / deshonra
sin	a very bad thing that your religion says you should not do	pecado
soul	the part of us that some people believe does not die	alma
suffer	to feel pain or great sadness	sufrir
thread	a long, thin piece of cotton, used with a needle for sewing	hilo
wise	sensible and experienced; showing good judgement	juicioso
witch	a woman who uses magic to do evil things	bruja
wrong (v)	to behave badly or in an unfair way to someone	tratar injustamente / ofender

Words to learn

- Write down any other new words you discover in your Oxford Graded Reader.
- Translate them into your language.
- Now try to learn them!

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