The Giver, List 5

1. [weary](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/weary)

physically and mentally fatigued

He seemed terribly **weary**.

1. [admonition](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/admonition)

cautionary advice about something imminent

He was very aware of his own **admonition** not to discuss his training.

1. [fleeting](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/fleeting)

lasting for a markedly brief time

This time it was not a **fleeting** impression. This time the sled had—and continued to have, as he blinked, and stared at it again—that same mysterious quality that the apple had had so briefly.

1. [wry](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/wry)

humorously sarcastic or mocking

Then he smiled wryly. “You’ve come very quickly to that conclusion,” he said. “It took me many years. Maybe your wisdom will come much more quickly than mine.”

1. [frustration](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/frustration)

the feeling of being thwarted in attaining your goals

But when the conversation turned to other things, Jonas was left, still, with a feeling of **frustration** that he didn’t understand.

1. [irrational](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/irrational)

not consistent with or using reason

He found that he was often angry, now: irrationally angry at his groupmates, that they were satisfied with their lives which had none of the vibrance his own was taking on.

1. [astonishing](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/astonishing)

so surprisingly impressive as to stun or overwhelm

Jonas glanced around at the **astonishing** array of volumes. From time to time, now, he could see their colors.

1. [assimilate](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/assimilate)

take up mentally

“They really suffered for a while. Finally it subsided as the memories were **assimilated**. But it certainly made them aware of how they need a Receiver to contain all that pain. And knowledge."

"Assimilate" also means "make alike" or "become like one's environment" (Latin "similis" means "like"), which would be a desirable action in a community that "went to Sameness." The Giver is not exactly sure what happened to the memories when they were released, and he doesn't explain how they got assimilated. They couldn't go back to him, so they could have somehow just slowly blended into space and into the people's minds so that they were no longer shockingly different images and emotions.

1. [embedded](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/embedded)

enclosed firmly in a surrounding mass

He watched the landscape for glimpses of the green that he knew was **embedded** in the shrubbery; when it came flickering into his consciousness, he focused upon it, keeping it there, darkening it, holding it in his vision as long as possible until his head hurt and he let it fade away.

1. [eventually](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/eventually)

after an unspecified period of time or a long delay

"Lie down," he said. "It’s time, I suppose. I can’t shield you forever. You’ll have to take it all on **eventually**."