

## *The Indian in the Cupboard* by Lynne Reid Banks Vocabulary

Coherent - easy to understand; logical

Ravenously - hungrily; greedily

Crestfallen - dejected or discouraged

Ransacked - searched thoroughly through; made a mess while looking everywhere for something

Brandishing - to wave, shake, or flourish triumphantly, as a sword or spear

Foreboding - a feeling that something bad has happened or is going to happen

Tourniquet - a device, usually a tightly encircling bandage, used to check bleeding in an injured limb

Dawdle - to do something slowly or to waste time

Baffled - too hard for a person to understand or to solve;

Petrified - paralyzed with fear, horror, or surprise;

Wincing - flinched suddenly; make a pained expression

Truce - a rest from quarreling, turmoil, trouble, etc.

Draw - a finish with neither side winning;

Taunting - teasing or reproaching in a scornful or insulting way; mocking;

Gesticulating - making many gestures with arms and hands;

Vouch - to confirm that someone is who they say they are or that they are of good character

Smudge - a blurred or smeared mark

Sieve - a utensil consisting of a wire or plastic mesh held in a frame, used for straining solids from liquids

Sawbones - a doctor or surgeon (slang)

Joists - a length of timber or steel supporting part of the structure of a building

Prostrate - lying stretched out on the ground with one's face downward

Chasm - a deep space, gap, or hole in the earth, rock, or another surface