

"Charles" by Shirley Jackson
Vocabulary Words

renounced	verb	declaring a refusal to follow, obey, or support (someone or something) any longer
raucous	adjective	behaving in a very loud, rough and noisy manner
insolently	adverb	disrespectfully, rudely, impolitely
vain	adjective	overly proud of one's own appearance, abilities, achievements etc. , conceited
addressing	verb(gerund)	directing the attentions or efforts towards someone or something
unsettling	adj.	having the effect of disturbing one or making one upset
simultaneously	adverb	existing or occurring at the same time
solemnly	adverb	seriously, sadly, in a formal manner
routine	noun	a regular way of doing things in a particular order
institution	noun	a significant practice, relationship or organization in a society or culture
reformation	noun	a change to improve behavior or habits, a positive improvement or change
incredulously	adverb	not able to or not willing to believe something; lack of belief
cynically	adverb	distrustful of the words or actions of others, bitterly, sneeringly
haggard	adj.	having an exhausted appearance caused from prolonged exhaustion, worry or anxiety
lapses	noun	temporary failure (s) of judgment, memory or concentration