**Vocabulary List 1**

1. **Meager**—Deficient in quantity or quality; lacking fullness or richness; inadequate.

If you describe an amount or quantity of something as meager, you are critical of it because it is very small or not enough.

1. **Miser**—A person who lives in wretched circumstances in order to save and hoard money. A stingy, avaricious person. (Example: Scrooge from A Christmas Carol).
2. **Forlorn**—Lonely and sad; forsaken; unhappy or miserable, as in feeling, condition, or appearance.

If someone is forlorn, they feel alone and unhappy.

1. **Abode**—A place in which a person resides; dwelling, home, habitation.

Your abode is the place where you live.

1. **Melancholy**—A gloomy state of mind, especially when habitual or prolonged; depression.

You can describe something you see or hear as melancholy if it gives you an intense feeling of sadness.

1. **Quagmire**—A situation from which extraction is very difficult. An area with boggy ground whose surface yields under the tread.

A quagmire is a soft, wet area of land which your feet sink into if you try to walk across it.

1. **Mire**—Wet, swampy ground or soil.

Mire is dirt or mud…the muck and mire of sewers and farmyards.