

## Vocabulary – Book One

<p>1. obligatory (3) “Then came 1980: The year it became <b>obligatory</b> to wear the veil at school.”</p> <p>2. decadence (4) “All bilingual schools must be closed down. They are symbols of capitalism. Of <b>decadence.</b>”</p> <p>3. avant-garde (6) “Deep down I was very religious, but as a family we were very modern and <b>avant-garde.</b>”</p> <p>4. fanatics (15) “The Shah said that a group of religious <b>fanatics</b> perpetrated the massacre.”</p> <p>5. degenerate (18) “My parents demonstrated every day. Things started to <b>degenerate.</b> The army shot at them.”</p> <p>6. frivolities (28) “All of the country’s money went into ridiculous celebrations of the 2500 years of dynasty and other <b>frivolities...</b> all of this to impress heads of state, the population couldn’t have cared less.”</p> <p>7. cadaver (31) “People came out carrying the body of a young man... then there was another <b>cadaver</b>, an old man carried out on a stretcher.”</p> <p>8. sentiment (43) “Politics and <b>sentiment</b> don’t mix.”</p>	<p>9. subversive (47) “Crime: wrote <b>subversive</b> articles in the Keyhan.”</p> <p>10. cyanide (51) “He always had <b>cyanide</b> on him in case he was arrested, but he was taken by surprise and unfortunately he never had a chance to use it...”</p> <p>11. dialectic (53) “Now that the revolution was finally over once and for all, I abandoned the <b>dialectic</b> materialism of my comic strips.”</p> <p>12. shunned (58) “You know what it is like to be an unmarried mother in this country. You will be <b>shunned.</b>”</p> <p>13. proletariat (62) “The <b>proletariat</b> shall rule! It’s inevitable!”</p> <p>14. imperialists (73) “Better to have no students at all than to educate future <b>imperialists.</b>”</p> <p>15. regime (75) “You showed your opposition to the <b>regime</b> by letting a few strands of hair show.”</p> <p>16. console (86) “At recess, I tried to <b>console</b> her...”</p> <p>17. nuptial (94) “According to Shiite tradition, when an unmarried man dies, a <b>nuptial</b> chamber is built for him.”</p>
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18. carnage (101)

"It's nuts! They hypnotize them and just toss them into battle. Absolute **carnage**."

19. vintner (106)

"My uncle was the **vintner**. He had a genuine wine-making lab in his basement."

20. belligerent (115)

"The walls were suddenly covered with **belligerent** slogans."

21. systematically (117)

"Those who opposed the regime were **systematically** arrested... and executed together."

22. veritable (122)

"The Germans sell chemical weapons to Iran and Iraq. The wounded are then sent to Germany to be treated. **Veritable** guinea pigs."

23. asylum (123)

"I made him a fake passport and he sought political **asylum** in Sweden."

24. euphoria (138)

"We were in the midst of shopping **euphoria**, when suddenly..."

25. discreet (142)

"When we walked past the Baba-Levy's house, which was completely destroyed, I could feel that she was **discreetly** pulling me away."