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Bleak House

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Starter .	ah a + 200 l	
	about 300 basic words	
Beginner	about 600 basic words	
Elementary	about 1100 basic words	
Pre-Intermediate	about 1100 basic words	
Intermediate	about 1400 basic words	
* *	about 1600 basic words	
Upper	about 2200 basic words	

Vocabulary

Some difficult words and phrases in this book are important for understanding the story. Some of these words are explained in the story and some are shown in the pictures. From Pre-Intermediate level upwards, words are marked with a number like this: ...³. These words are explained in the Glossary at the end of the book.

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The Court Of Chancery

London in November. The Lord Chancellor is in his High Court of Chancery. Ada Clare, Richard Carstone and Esther Summerson meet the Lord Chancellor. He tells the three young people that they are going to live at Bleak House.

London, 1852. London in November. It was cold winter weather. There was mud in the streets. Dogs were covered in mud, almost drowned in it. Horses, pulling carriages³ through the city streets, were splashed up to their eyes. Shivering crossing-sweepers³ tried hard to sweep back the mud and dirt on the busy roads.

There was fog too. The fog was everywhere. It came up the river and down the river. Fog covered the boats on the river and filled the boatmen's eyes. Street lamps sent a pale, yellow light through the thick, foggy air.

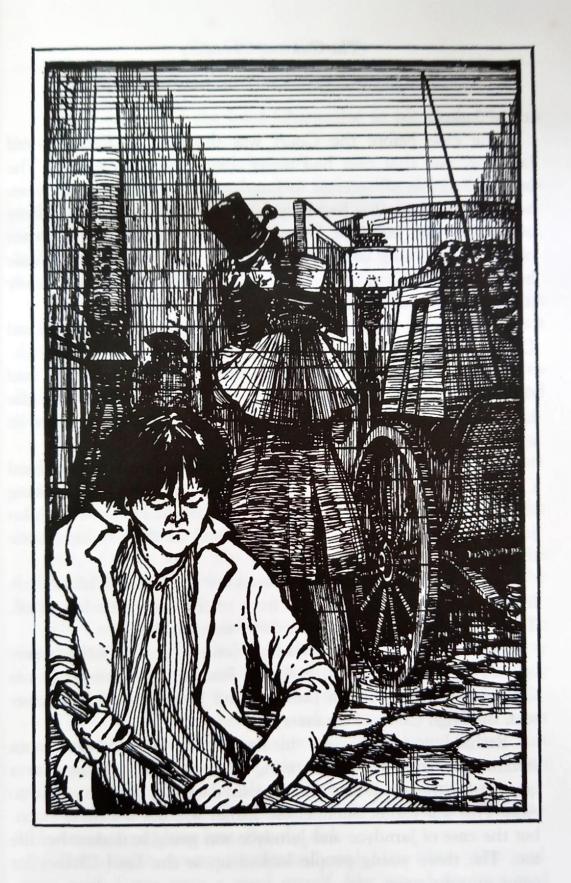
Cold, mud and fog filled the streets of London. And the fog was thickest and the mud was deepest near Lincoln's Inn, the very heart of London. The Lord High Chancellor was there, sitting in

his High Court of Chanceryl.

Some of the fog and the mud had got into the courtroom too. Perhaps a little fog and mud had got into the minds of the people

in the High Court of Chancery.

Chancery had ruined⁵ many men and driven others to madness. Whole families had been destroyed by Chancery and Chancery had brought great houses to decay and destruction. The streets of London were dark that day and in the Court of Chancery



London. London in November. It was cold winter weather.

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