

King of the Cloud Forests Vocabulary Challenge

Our story is set during the 1930s. The spoken language was more formal than it is today. Can you “translate” these phrases, explaining what they mean, paying particular attention to the highlighted word.

1. (p119) I was too tired to invent a **plausible** story.
2. (p120) Any anxiety I must have had for my own **predicament** was overwhelmed by a deep sadness.
3. (p122) ...a great **cavalcade** of children
4. (p123) ...breaking a confidence
5. (p127) ...the monks were **merciless in their resolve** to make me whiter still
6. (p135) ...an escort of **Ghurkha** soldiers...
7. (p138) ...**exhilarated at the prospect**...
8. (p139) They **peopled** my dreams
9. (p144) There seemed little **prospect** now of our ever discovering the identity of my **predecessor**...
10. (p146) ...inflamm^e their resentment...
11. (p147) ...discreet enquiries