

## “The Landlady” by Roald Dahl

Here is a TV film of the story, introduced by Roald Dahl himself:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sWhBej5r07o>

Here is a list of the 30 most unusual or less common words from the short story, along with their definitions and synonyms, as well as the approximate line numbers where they appear:

1. **Swindon** (Line 2); A town in southwest England; Synonyms: town, city, municipality
2. **Briskness** (Line 14); The quality of being quick and active; Synonyms: liveliness, vigor, energy
3. **Swanky** (Line 21); Stylishly luxurious and expensive; Synonyms: posh, upscale, fancy
4. **Chrysanthemums** (Line 28); A type of flowering plant; Synonyms: mums, blooms, flowers
5. **Velvety** (Line 30); Soft and smooth like velvet; Synonyms: silky, plush, smooth
6. **Dachshund** (Line 34); A breed of dog with a long body and short legs; Synonyms: wiener dog, sausage dog
7. **Rapacious** (Line 45); Aggressively greedy or grasping; Synonyms: predatory, avaricious, grasping
8. **Kippers** (Line 45); Smoked herring, typically eaten for breakfast; Synonyms: smoked fish, smoked herring
9. **Dithering** (Line 48); Indecisive or hesitant; Synonyms: wavering, vacillating, hesitating
10. **Compulsion** (Line 59); An irresistible urge to act; Synonyms: obsession, drive, urge
11. **Dotty** (Line 77); Slightly crazy or eccentric; Synonyms: eccentric, odd, quirky
12. **Teeny** (Line 85); Extremely small; Synonyms: tiny, minuscule, diminutive
13. **Choosy** (Line 85); Selective or particular; Synonyms: fussy, picky, selective
14. **Particular** (Line 85); Having strong preferences; Synonyms: fastidious, exacting, fussy
15. **Nest** (Line 87); A cozy or snug place; Synonyms: home, haven, retreat
16. **Sailing** (Line 140); Moving smoothly and gracefully; Synonyms: gliding, drifting, floating
17. **Frisky** (Line 140); Playful and energetic; Synonyms: lively, spirited, animated
18. **Tantali(s)ing** (Line 160); Tormenting with the sight of something desired but out of reach; Synonyms: teasing, provoking, alluring
19. **Blemish** (Line 195); A small mark or flaw that spoils the appearance; Synonyms: flaw, imperfection, defect
20. **Fooled** (Line 205); Tricked or deceived; Synonyms: duped, misled, deceived
21. **Preserved** (Line 215); Maintained in its original or existing state; Synonyms: conserved, maintained, kept
22. **Fascinating** (Line 210); Extremely interesting; Synonyms: captivating, intriguing, compelling
23. **Awfully** (Line 212); Very; Synonyms: terribly, extremely, exceedingly
24. **Stuff** (Line 217); To fill or pack tightly; Synonyms: fill, pack, cram
25. **Bitter almonds** (Line 225); A flavor associated with cyanide; Synonyms: cyanogenic, toxic, poisonous
26. **Inclining** (Line 235); Leaning or bending; Synonyms: tilting, slanting, bending
27. **Emanate** (Line 170); Originate from or be produced by; Synonyms: radiate, issue, emerge
28. **Arch(ing)** (Line 185); Curving like an arch; Synonyms: bending, curving, bowing
29. **Heaving** (Line 120); Lifting or moving with effort; Synonyms: sighing, breathing heavily, gasping
30. **Dainty** (Line 120); Delicately small and pretty; Synonyms: delicate, petite, exquisite