

School: Williamson High School

## Lesson Before Dying, A

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Word	Grade Level	Pronunciation	Definition
choir	5	kwīr	a group of people who sing together, often in a church or school
concentrate	5	kŏn' sən-trăt	to center or focus one's attention or thought; to think about closely
cuffed	6	kŭft	bound or confined with thick metal bands around the wrists, connected by a short chain
cynical	10	sĭn' ĭ-kəl	believing the worst or having a negative view of human nature; tending to believe that human behavior is motivated by selfishness; pessimistic
dismiss	5	dĭs-mĭs'	to send off or away; to free or release; to stop considering; to pay no regard to; to refuse to pay attention to; to remove from a job or position
ditch	5	dĭch	a groove that is dug in the ground to carry off water
gruesome	9	grŏo' səm	ugly or frightful; horrible; ghastly, grisly, grim, or macabre
humiliate	10	hyŏo-mĭl' ē-ăt	to reduce to a lower position in the eyes of others; to humble; to hurt one's pride; to embarrass
ignorance	6	ĭg' nər-əns	a lack of knowledge or education; unawareness; inexperience
instructed	5	ĭn-strŭk' tĭd	ordered; commanded; told
merciful	6	mŭr' sĭ-fəl	full of compassion; showing kindness or forgiveness toward another over whom one has authority; lenient; gentle in one's judgment; willing to spare another; giving relief from suffering
occasionally	5	ə-kā' zhən-əl-ē	once in a while; now and then; periodically; infrequently
pastor	7	pās' tər	a minister who has charge of a church and its members; a parson or rector
rustic	8	rŭs' tĭk	of, relating to, or typical of the country; rural; agricultural; unsophisticated; unpolished; plain; simple; unadorned; homely
superior	6	sŭ-pĭr' ē-ər	better or more advanced than others; greater or higher; very good; of great value; accomplished; advantaged

## Pronunciation Guide

Examples	Examples	Examples
b bed	t toy, debt, thyme, receipt	ĭ sit, dessert
ch chalk, catch, question	th think	i slide, pie
d drawer, could	th than	ir pier, hear, miracle
f fish, rough, graph, calf	v savage	ŏ hot, conscious
g great, guest	w with, while	ô hope, boat, row
h happy	y yes	ô/ôr caught, raw, for, war
hw where	z zebra	oi noise, boy
j jump, giraffe, bridge	zh leisure, genre	ŏo book
k ankle, cat, rack, chasm, quiche	sh shut, motion, chandelier, issue	ŏo tool
l lemon, needle	ă bad	ou found, how
m rhyme, hymn, tomb	â hate	ŭ cup, rummage
n nice, know, gnat	âr care, hair, wear	ûr fur, heard
p pet	ă father, are	yŏo cute, beautiful
r red, wrist, rhyme	ě fetch, head	ə afar, capable, us
s sister, cent, psalm, science	ê be, seat, receive	ər father, fir