**Gulliver's Travels**

**By Jonathan Swift**

**Glossary :**

* **Abhorrence-** a feeling of repugnance or loathing
* **Adamantine-** hard, impervious
* **Ague-** a fit of shivering or shaking
* **August-** impressive; eminent
* **Avarice-** greed
* **Calenture-** a tropical fever
* **Caprice-** an impulsive change of mind
* **Chimaera-** an imaginary monster
* **Circumspection-** being prudent
* **Clemency-** a merciful, kind, or lenient act
* **Commodious-** spacious, roomy
* **Coquetry-** flirtation
* **Declivity-** a downward slope or bend
* **Dexterity-** skill in using hands or body
* **Disapprobation-** disapproval; condemnation
* **Disconsolate-** heartbroken, dejected
* **Diuretic-** a substance used to increase excretion of urine (also used as an adjective)
* **Dram-** a small measurement
* **Ebullient-** bubbly, happy
* **Edict-** decree or proclamation
* **Edifice-** a large building
* **Effluvia-** a small exhalation
* **Encomiums-** formal tributes
* **Envoy-** a diplomatic agent
* **Equipage-** a carriage
* **Espalier-** a plant trained to grow in a pattern
* **Etymology-** the derivation of a word
* **Extenuation-** a partial excuse
* **Faction-** a dissenting clique
* **Hectoring-** bullying
* **Hermetically-** completely sealed
* **Hobgoblin-** a source of fear
* **Importunate-** troublesome, annoying
* **Impute-** to attribute or ascribe
* **Ingenuous-** artless, innocent
* **Laudable-** commendable
* **Lucid-** clear
* **Magnanimous-** kind, benevolent
* **Maliciously-** cruelly, meanly
* **Mercurial-** inconstant, indecisive
* **Misanthrope-** a hater of humankind (Swift and Pope were both consindered misanthropes)
* **Noxious-** toxic, harmful to living things
* **Odious-** bad smelling
* **Palisades-** a line of cliffs
* **Peccant-** sinful, guilty
* **Pecuniary-** pertaining to money
* **Perfidiousness-** deceitfulness or general evilness
* **Pernicious-** causing insidious harm or ruin
* **Prelate-** a high-ranking member of the clergy
* **Puissant-** powerful; mighty
* **Rapine-** plunder
* **Recompense-** to award compensation for
* **Retinue-** attendants to a high-ranking person
* **Rudiments-** fundamental facts or elements
* **Sagacity-** mental discernment, wisdom
* **Satire-** a literary mode in which human shortcomings are held up to scorn and ridicule
* **Scabbard-** a sheath for a sword or dagger
* **Scimitar-** a curved sword
* **Scrofulous-** morally tainted
* **Tincture-** a dye or pigment
* **Tory-** a member of the conservative political party in Great Britain (1679-1832)
* **Usurper-** a person who takes over a position
* **Varlet-** an attendant or servant
* **Vernal-** of or pertaining to spring
* **Victuals-** food supplies
* **virtuoso (pl. virtuosi)-** a person who is a master of his or her field
* **Whig-**a member of the liberal political party in Great Britain (1679-1832)