



Marina's Attitude to Words, Language and Human Communication

“And they say things, words of little meaning.” (Feb. 8)

“I suppose he speaks to people and they speak to him, but it might just be empty, mechanical words.”

“So the words lie, in a sense, as they always do.” (Feb. 18)

| Marina's Attitude to Words | Adjectives for Describing Words | Nouns Relating to Word Use and Word Abuse |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The words of others sometimes lack warmth and sincerity. • Marina tends to view words as meaningless, as something that is uttered just for show. • Some of her diary entries suggest that she views words as not entirely trustworthy; many who use them are unreliable, deceitful or superficial. • The words of others are like a constant stream of noise around her, in which she can take no part; they symbolize her isolation from others and the difference that she perceives between her existence and theirs. • Words can often be employed to distort and misrepresent the truth. • Yet Marina's journal is made up of words and, although she perceives her own journal as a danger, as something that could reveal her inner thoughts to others, she also clings to it as a form of self-expression and as a means to understanding herself. | <p>NEGATIVE</p> <p>mechanical empty insincere misleading confusing cold cruel harsh vicious cutting bitter false destructive angry sharp malicious meaningless heartless inconsiderate lying deceiving hollow misleading artificial threatening</p> <p>POSITIVE</p> <p>honest direct sympathetic compassionate sincere truthful genuine transparent clear concise insightful perceptive understanding revealing expressive</p> | <p>NEGATIVE</p> <p>insincerity lip service lies deception cruelty propaganda deceit malice mistrust artifice dishonesty prejudice destruction distortion</p> <p>POSITIVE</p> <p>truth honesty directness compassion sympathy emptiness trust sincerity expression understanding insight perception revelation</p> <p>Words for Describing Opposing Ideas in a Single Paragraph</p> <p>on the one hand on the other hand however nevertheless but while whereas in spite of despite although yet in contrast</p> |