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| **acquaintance** | A person that you have met but do not know well. |
| **bequeath** | Leave or give, especially by will after one's death. |
| **bewilderment** | Confusion resulting from failure to understand. |
| **deduce** | To reach an answer or a decision by thinking carefully about the known facts. |
| **defray** | (Especially of an organization) to pay the cost of something. |
| **imprudence** | The quality of being unwise, because you fail to consider the possible results of your actions. |
| **imperturbable** | Always staying calm and controlled, even in difficult situations that would cause other people to worry. |
| **morose** | Unhappy, annoyed, and unwilling to speak or smile. |
| **metropolis** | A large and densely populated urban area. |
| **protruding** | To stick out from or through something. |

**The Speckled Band Vocabulary**

**Other**

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| **coquettishly** | In a flirtatious manner. |
| **expostulate** | To express disagreement or complaint. |
| **lithe** | Young, healthy, attractive, and able to move and bend smoothly. |
| **portly** | (Especially of middle-aged or old men) fat and round. |
| **sardonic** | Humorous in an unkind way that shows you do not respect someone or something. |