

Module 2: Short Stories

Topic 3 Content: Vocabulary in "The Cask of Amontillado"

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The graphic is a rectangular interface with a light gray background. On the left, there is a gray box containing an introduction and instructions. In the center, a vertical column of eight dark teal buttons contains the words: *absconded*, *catacombs*, *gesticulation*, *immolation*, *impunity*, *precluded*, *promiscuously*, *rampart*, and *retribution*. On the right, a white box displays the word *catacombs* in a large, bold, italicized font, with its definition below it: "underground cemeteries consisting of tunnels or chambers with recesses for graves".

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