

Bud, Not Buddy Vocabulary Chapters 12-19

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. Whoever heard of someone's momma naming him Lefty? That name had alias written all over it. Lefty sounds like a real good name for a stick-up man. (Chapter 12)

2. Herman E. Calloway said, "I am truly sorry to hear that, but it's obvious that you are a disturbed young man and you don't have a clue who your father is. You just tell us who's looking after you now, and we'll get you sent back to wherever it is you belong." (Chapter 13)

3. He talked out of the side of his mouth and kept his eyes kind of blinked halfway down, especially when Miss Tyla would come to our table to see if we were all right. . . . (Chapter 14)

4. The way he was so worried about me staling stuff from him before he even knew if I was honest or not made me wonder if someone who was so suspicious could ever be kin to me. (Chapter 15)

5. . . . if you're going to be traveling with us it just wouldn't look too copacetic for you to be carrying that ratty old bag. (Chapter 16)

6. Mr. Jimmy said, "Now hold on, Grace, I'm just trying to ask the questions I know Herman'd ask if he could. Ain't a thing wrong with being certain before we jump to any conclusions." (Chapter 19)

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7. "We've been hoping for eleven years that she'd send word or come home, and she finally has. Looks to me like she sent us the best word we've had in years." Miss Thomas smiled at me and I know she was trying to say I was the word that my momma had sent to them. She said, "Wait here for one second, precious. I've got to go to my room for something." (Chapter 19)

8. That ornery old man upstairs is very, very hurt right now and I just can't say where he's going to land after this news gets through blowing him around. (Chapter 19)

9. "I told the fellas how hard you've been hitting that recorded and how proud I was of you, so we put a couple of nickels together"—he acted like he was yelling into the other room—"and Lord knows on the peanuts we get it was a real sacrifice." (Chapter 19)

Part II: Determining the Meaning - Match the words to their dictionary definitions.

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| _____ 1. alias | A. relatives |
| _____ 2. obvious | B. particularly |
| _____ 3. especially | C. proper |
| _____ 4. suspicious | D. hardship |
| _____ 5. kin | E. valuable |
| _____ 6. copacetic | F. easy to see |
| _____ 7. conclusions | G. wary; not trusting |
| _____ 8. precious | H. a made-up name usually assumed to hide one's true identity |
| _____ 9. ornery | I. results, decisions, deductions |
| _____ 10. sacrifice | J. causing trouble |