

Maniac Magee Vocabulary Worksheets

Chapters 12-16

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Context 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. Mr. Beale knew what his passenger apparently didn't.

2. Maniac's lip started to quiver, and right there, with the car idling in the middle of the street, Maniac told him that he didn't really have a home, unless you counted the deer shed at the zoo.

3. Before the puzzled faces of Mr. and Mrs. Beale, he opened the front door and looked at the three cast-iron digits nailed to the door frame: seven two eight.

4. And if their mother wanted to wash their armpits, she would have to get a crowbar and pry their arms up, because they sure as heck were not going to move.

5. So quiet you could hear the water running far below the sewer grates while the sun shimmied up the rain spouts.

6. He loved the silence and solitude.

7. He loved the Fourth of July block party, when the whole East End converged for a day and night of games and music and grilled chicken and ribs and sweet-potato pie and dancing until the last firecracker, and then some.

8. He loved joining all the colors at the vacant lot and playing the summer days away.

9. To make matters worse, the supermarket offer had expired, so there were no other volumes.

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

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| <u> </u> 1. apparently | A. number symbols |
| <u> </u> 2. quiver | B. to force open or up |
| <u> </u> 3. digits | C. aloneness |
| <u> </u> 4. pry | D. ended |
| <u> </u> 5. grates | E. to shake with a slight movement |
| <u> </u> 6. solitude | F. parallel bars for blocking an opening |
| <u> </u> 7. converged | G. empty |
| <u> </u> 8. vacant | H. easily understood |
| <u> </u> 9. expired | I. came together |