

Maniac Magee Vocabulary Worksheets

Chapters 22-26

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. You have breakfast, compliments of mother's milk.

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2. Maniac's answer was prompt.

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3. Dumbfounded, the old man drove back out of the park to the nearest diner, where he sat with a cup of coffee while the boy wolfed down meatloaf and gravy, mashed potatoes, zucchini, salad, and coconut custard pie.

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4. "The Blue Star treats every new rookie to his first meal in town free."

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5. Sleazy hotels. Sleazy buses. Sleazy stadiums.

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6. The grizzled, rickety coot showing the kid how to spray liners to the opposite field.

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7. The grizzled, rickety coot showing the kid how to spray liners to the opposite field.

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8. And every night, as the old man left for his room at the Y, he would grouse. "You ought to go to school."
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**Part II: Determining the Meaning** Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| _____ 1. | compliments | A. | acts of courtesy    |
| _____ 2. | prompt      | B. | streaked with gray  |
| _____ 3. | dumbfounded | C. | astonished; amazed  |
| _____ 4. | rookie      | D. | complain; grumble   |
| _____ 5. | sleazy      | E. | instant; immediate  |
| _____ 6. | grizzled    | F. | shabby and dirty    |
| _____ 7. | rickety     | G. | shaky               |
| _____ 8. | grouse      | H. | a first year player |