

Vocabulary - *Huckleberry Finn* Chapters 4-7

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. I was getting sort of used to the widow's way, too, and they warn't so raspy on me.

2. I told him I had an old slick counterfeit quarter that warn't no good because the brass showed through the silver a little...

3. And after supper he talked to him about temperance and such things till the old man cried...

4. ...and in the night some time he got powerful thirsty and clumb out on to the porchroof and slid down a stanchion...

5. I took all the coffee and sugar there was all and all the ammunition; I took the wadding;...

6. ...and people might see me and hail me.

Part II: Determining the Meaning

You have tried to figure out the meanings of the vocabulary words for Chapters 4-7. Now match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions. If there are words for which you cannot figure out the definition by contextual clues and by process of elimination, look them up in a dictionary.

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| ___ 1. raspy | A. fake; not real |
| ___ 2. counterfeit | B. grating; harsh |
| ___ 3. temperance | C. to call to |
| ___ 4. stanchion | D. post of timber or iron for support |
| ___ 5. wadding | E. moderation; sobriety |
| ___ 6. hail | F. material for stopping charge in a gun |