

Vocabulary - *The Outsiders* Chapters 10-12

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. Dally had taken the car and I started the long walk home in a stupor, Johnny was dead.

2. He died violent and young and desperate, just like we all knew he'd die someday.

3. But I had a sick feeling that maybe I hadn't called for him while I was delirious, maybe I had only wanted Sodapop to be with me.

4. Soda never has grasped the importance Darry and I put on athletics.

5. He grinned but didn't deny it.

6. I'd rather have anybody's hate than their pity.

7. "Yes, sir," looking straight at the judge, not flinching . . .

8. Then he said I was acquitted and the whole case was closed.

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9. He veered off to the right, but I caught him in a flying tackle before he'd gone more than a couple of steps.

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

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| ___ 1. stupor | A. confusedly |
| ___ 2. delirious | B. swerved, turned aside from a course or direction |
| ___ 3. grasped | C. driven to take any risk |
| ___ 4. acquitted | D. to declare untrue; contradict |
| ___ 5. desperate | E. understood |
| ___ 6. bewilderedly | F. senses are deadened |
| ___ 7. deny | G. discharged completed, set free from a legal charge |
| ___ 8. pity | H. betraying fear, pain or surprise with an involuntary gesture |
| ___ 9. flinching | I. compassion for suffering |
| ___ 10. veered | J. confusion, disordered speech, hallucinations |