

Vocabulary - *The Outsiders* Chapters 7-9

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. He'd . . . walk around interviewing the nurses and mimicking T.V. reporters.

2. . . . it stopped recurring so often, but it happened often enough for Darry to take me to a doctor.

3. "Work?" Two-Bit was aghast. "And ruin my rep?"

4. Two-Bit was telling me about one of his many exploits while we did the dishes.

5. Turning abruptly, he said, "Let's go see Dallas."

6. She was a little woman, with straight black hair and big, black eyes like Johnny's. But that was as far as the resemblance went.

7. I could tell that he was debating whether to tell Dally the truth or not.

8. It was the reward of two hours of walking aimlessly around a hardware store to divert suspicion.

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9. Tim grinned ruefully probably thinking of his roughneck, hard-headed brother.

10. We mostly stuck with our own outfits, so I was a little leery of going over to him.

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

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| ___ 1. mimicking | A. heroic acts, adventures |
| ___ 2. recurring | B. regretfully, sorrowfully |
| ___ 3. aghast | C. wary, suspicious |
| ___ 4. exploits | D. likeness, similarity |
| ___ 5. abruptly | E. without direction, without purpose |
| ___ 6. resemblance | F. imitating, ridiculing |
| ___ 7. debating | G. returning, repeatedly |
| ___ 8. aimlessly | H. suddenly |
| ___ 9. ruefully | I. deciding |
| ___ 10. leery | J. amazed, stupefied |