

Vocabulary Quiz

I. Definition

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| _____ 1. | dirty; unkempt; slovenly. | a. | jutting |
| _____ 2. | an apartment or suite of rooms on one floor forming a residence. | b. | <i>frijoles</i> |
| _____ 3. | lacking power, vigor, or vitality; weak; listless. | c. | sassy |
| _____ 4. | extending beyond the main body or line; projecting; protruding. | d. | baptize |
| _____ 5. | old, worn-out shoes no longer appropriate for formal occasions. | e. | flat |
| _____ 6. | a variety of bean extensively cultivated for food in Mexico. | ab. | anemic |
| _____ 7. | a person characterized by stern discipline and austere simplicity. | ac. | fuchsia |
| _____ 8. | to give a name to; to christen; to denominate. | ad. | <i>chanclas</i> |
| _____ 9. | a bright, purplish-red color, reflecting the flower of the same name. | ae. | raggedy |
| _____ 10. | brash; mouthy; rude; disrespectful. | bc. | Spartan |

II. Context

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| _____ 11. | The nose of that yellow Cadillac was all _____ like an alligator's, and except for a bloody lip and bruised forehead, Louie's cousin was okay. | a. | babushka |
| _____ 12. | But what difference does it make? He wasn't anything to her. . . . Just another _____ who didn't speak English. Just another wetback. | b. | <i>marimbas</i> |
| _____ 13. | [The grandpa's] feet were fat and doughy like thick _____, and these he powdered and stuffed into white socks and brown leather shoes. | c. | chandelier |
| _____ 14. | Until my great-grandfather threw a sack over her head and carried her off. Just like that, as if she were a fancy _____ . That's the way he did it. | d. | <i>brazier</i> |
| _____ 15. | But my mother's hair, my mother's hair, like little _____, like little candy circles all curly and pretty because she pinned it in pincurls all day | e. | hollyhocks |
| _____ 16. | [The music box] is like drops of water. Or like _____ only with a funny little plucked sound to it like if you were running your fingers across the teeth of a metal comb. | ab. | flecks |
| _____ 17. | Your _____ is dead, Papa says early one morning in my room. <i>Está muerto</i> , and then as if he just heard the news himself, crumples like a coat and cries, my brave Papa cries. | ac. | pleated |
| _____ 18. | Home. Home. Home is a house in a photograph, a pink house, pink as _____ with lots of startled light. The man paints the walls of the apartment pink, but it's not the same, you know. | ad. | <i>abuelito</i> |
| _____ 19. | [Marin] is the one who told us . . . if you count white _____ on your fingernails you can know how many boys are thinking of you and lots of other things I can't remember now. | ae. | rosettes |
| _____ 20. | Ruthie, tall skinny lady with red lipstick and blue _____, one blue sock and one green because she forgot, is the only grown-up we know who likes to play. | bc. | <i>tamales</i> |

Answer Key:

1. ae
 2. e
 3. ab
 4. a
 5. ad
 6. b
 7. bc
 8. d
 9. ac
 10. c
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11. ac
12. d
13. bc
14. c
15. ae
16. b
17. ad
18. e
19. ab
20. a