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A Long Walk to Water
by Linda Sue Park

A Long Walk to Water Vocabulary

Chapters 1–3

1. What does the word **littered** most likely mean in the sentence below?

"She always tried not to step on the spiky plants that grew along the path, but their thorns littered the ground everywhere."

- a. The thorns were carefully lined up on the ground.
- b. The thorns were scattered all over the ground.



A cartoon superhero character with brown hair, wearing a blue suit with a red cape and a shield-shaped emblem on his chest with the letters 'STW'. He is flying through the air with a determined expression.

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- b. ejected weapons
- c. skidded suddenly
- d. exploded loudly

3. Based on the following sentence and what you know about the word **mortar**, why would carrying mortars likely have been dangerous or difficult for the men?

"The village men were forced to carry supplies: guns and mortars, shells, radio equipment."

- a. Mortars are heavy and shoot explosives, so carrying them is risky and physically demanding.
- b. Mortars are fragile tools used to build things, so they might break easily.
- c. Mortars are old-fashioned cooking tools, so they are awkward to carry.
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- a. rebels
- b. weapons
- c. refugees
- d. civilians



nearby.

- c. Rebels are part of the government army, and they were sent to help protect the village.
- d. Rebels help deliver supplies and food, so the villagers didn't want to get in their way.

6. What is the meaning of **bush** in this sentence?

"Running as hard as he could, into the bush."

- a. a small garden behind someone's house
- b. a large, wild area with plants and trees where few people live
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"Salva tossed restlessly in the itchy hay."

- a. He was calm and peaceful, enjoying his rest.
- b. He was unable to stay still because his mind or body was uneasy or uncomfortable.
- c. He was moving around because the hay was soft and cozy.
- d. He was carefully adjusting his position so he wouldn't wake anyone.



- b. It was hard to see clearly at first because something in the air made it look blurry or unclear.
 - c. It was brightly colored and stood out sharply in the distance.
 - d. It was large and moving quickly toward her.
9. Which situation below best shows the meaning of **ritual**?
- a. A boy runs randomly through a field without any plan or reason.
 - b. A family eats dinner at different times every night, depending on when they're home.
 - c. A team gathers before every game to chant together and touch their team flag for good luck.
 - d. A student forgets to do their homework and rushes to finish it before class starts.

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"He was not an orphan! He had a father and a mother—he had a family!"

- a. a child who has no family because their parents have died
- b. a child who moves to live with another family in a new place
- c. a child who chooses to run away from home
- d. a child who is taken away from their parents as punishment



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