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Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Esperanza Rising Vocabulary

Chapters 1–3

1. What is the best meaning of the word **resounding** as it is used in the sentence below?

"And then she felt it. Softly at first. A gentle thumping. Then stronger. A resounding thud, thud, thud against her body."

- a. slow
- b. gentle
- c. resonating
- d. quiet

2. Which scenario best shows the meaning of



- d. Esperanza would watch the sunrise with her family and friends.

3. What is the best meaning of the word **capricious** as it is used in the sentence below?

"But Esperanza loved her more for her capricious ways than for her propriety."

- a. strict and rule following
- b. predictable and steady
- c. sudden and unpredictable
- d. careful and responsible

4. What is the best meaning of the word **propriety** as it is used in the sentence below?

"But Esperanza loved her more for her capricious ways than for her propriety."

- a. careless and reckless actions
- b. conformity to what is socially acceptable
- c. loud and attention-seeking behavior
- d. funny and playful personality

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- a. increased
- b. expanded
- c. improved
- d. decreased

6. What is the best meaning of the word **anguish** as it is used in the sentence below?

"Her smile faded, her chest tightened, and a heavy blanket of anguish smothered her smallest joy."

- a. excitement and anticipation



7. What is the best meaning of the word **condolences** as it is used in the quote below?

"In front of the adults, Esperanza modeled Mama's refined manners, accepting Marisol's condolences."

- a. expressions of sympathy for a loss
- b. congratulations for an achievement
- c. advice about a difficult decision
- d. gifts given during a celebration

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- b. a quiet lake staying unchanged over time
- c. a bird flying high above the trees
- d. a squash plant growing in the space of flowers

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10. Fill in the blank:

Maria spoke with _____ after being wrongly accused of cheating on a test.

- a. indignation
- b. propriety
- c. condolences
- d. anguish

11. Which word below is an antonym for the word **pretentious**?

- a. arrogant



- b. disappeared from
- c. blocked from moving
- d. stayed in one small area

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