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Hatchet Vocabulary

Chapters 1–2

1. What is the meaning of **initial** in this sentence?

"There had been the initial excitement, of course."

- a. happening or starting at the beginning
- b. intense and strong
- c. happening at the end



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- c. catalog
- d. drone

3. Fill in the blank:

The kite increased its _____ as it rose toward the clouds.

- a. drone
- b. weight
- c. altitude
- d. stout

4. Which scenario best shows the meaning of the word **impact**?

- a. a jet ski riding up onto the beach
- b. a snowboarder cruising down the mountain
- c. a car slamming on the brakes at a red light
- d. the *Titanic* crashing into an iceberg

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- a. the rugged, cold plains of Northern Russia
- b. the sparkly, crystal-clear water of The Bahamas
- c. the tall, leafy redwood forests of Northern California
- d. the crashing waves on the beaches of Washington

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



7. Fill in the blank:

The quiet _____ of Grandpa's snoring prevented me from falling asleep.

- a. drone
- b. altitude
- c. stout
- d. tundra

8. Which scenario best shows the meaning of the word **shallow**?

- a. Jaylen couldn't see the bottom of the endless lake.
- b. Jonah stepped into the stream, and the water only covered the tops of his shoes.
- c. Cayden dove into the pool and swam all the way to the deep end.
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- a. a removed piece of a machine
- b. the beginning of something
- c. the end of something
- d. an added-on piece or part



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- a. He was tall and lanky, with clothes that hung loosely on his thin frame.
- b. Her dress draped beautifully over her shoulders and matched her kitten heels perfectly.
- c. Though short in stature, he was strong and sturdy, looking as if he could throw a powerful right hook.
- d. Her petite frame and shy nature made her almost unnoticeable in a crowd.

12. Which word below is an antonym of the word **turbulence**?

- a. smoothness
- b. instability
- c. tumultuousness
- d. explosiveness

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