

Name: _____

Use with the book:
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Hatchet Vocabulary

Chapters 12–14

1. What is the meaning of **spear** in the quote below?

"The fish spear did not work."

- a. a metal tool used for digging holes
- b. a kind of weapon that can slingshot an arrow into something



Preview

Please log in to download the printable version of this worksheet.

fork-like shape

- a. spear
- b. prong
- c. sword
- d. crude

3. What is the meaning of **exulted** as it is used in the sentence below?

"The bow had given him this way and he exulted in it, in the bow, in the arrow, in the fish, in the hatchet, in the sky."

- a. felt confused and unsure
- b. felt great joy and pride
- c. felt tired and weak
- d. felt angry and frustrated

Name: _____

Use with the book:
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Hatchet Vocabulary

Chapters 12–14

4. Which scenario best matches the definition of **primitive**?
- a. A family camps with only basic tools and no modern technology.
 - b. A student uses the newest tablet for her schoolwork.
 - c. A chef cooks in a high-tech kitchen with digital appliances.
 - d. A group of hikers stays in a luxury cabin with electricity and heat.
5. Which word below is a synonym for **persistent**?
- a. tenacious b. lazy
 - c. occasional d. consistent



in his other hand from where it had started to come up.”

- a. mental or emotional strain
 - b. the condition or degree of being stretched to stiffness
 - c. a feeling of excitement or anticipation
 - d. a sudden burst of energy
8. Which description best matches the meaning of the word **slender**?
- 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.

Name: _____

Use with the book:
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Hatchet Vocabulary

Chapters 12–14

9. Which definition best fits the word **faint** as it appears in the sentence below?

"There was some sliver of a moon and in the faint-pearl light he could see the bushy tail, the white stripes down the back, and he had nearly smiled."

- a. to keep going, despite challenges
- b. to pass out
- c. very slight
- d. to keep or restrict within tight boundaries



Preview
Please log in to download
the printable version of this worksheet.

- a. fixated
- b. flowing
- c. loose
- d. diluted

12. Which definition below best matches the word **sulfurous**?

"The thick sulfurous rotten odor filled the small room, heavy, ugly, and stinking."

- a. to keep or restrict within tight boundaries
- b. to happen suddenly
- c. a smell comparable to rotten eggs
- d. to be built in a makeshift way

Hatchet Vocabulary

Chapters 12–14

1. What is the meaning of **spear** in the quote below?

"The fish spear did not work."

- a. a metal tool used for digging holes
- b. a kind of weapon that can



2.

Preview

Please log in to download
the printable version of this worksheet.

3.



- c. felt tired and weak
- d. felt angry and frustrated

Hatchet Vocabulary

Chapters 12–14

4. Which scenario best matches the definition of **primitive**?

a. A family camps with only basic tools and no modern technology.

b. A student uses the newest tablet for her schoolwork.

5.

Preview

Please log in to download
the printable version of this worksheet.

6.

7.



8. Which description best matches the meaning of the word **slender**?

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.

Hatchet Vocabulary

Chapters 12–14

9. Which definition best fits the word **faint** as it appears in the sentence below?

*"There was some sliver of a moon and in the faint-pearl light he could see the book with the title **Stranger** on the back and he had to smile."*

Preview

Please log in to download
the printable version of this worksheet.



"The thick sulfurous rotten odor filled the small room, heavy, ugly, and stinking."

- a. to keep or restrict within tight boundaries
- b. to happen suddenly
- c. a smell comparable to rotten eggs**
- d. to be built in a makeshift way