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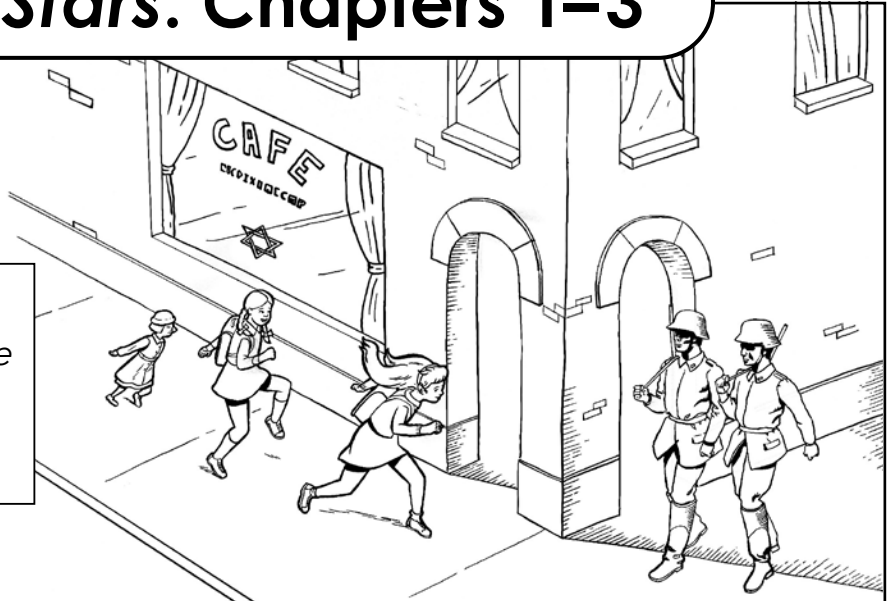
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1. Which is the best synonym for the word **contempt** as it is used in the sentence?

"Three years, Annemarie thought with contempt. Three years they've been in our country, and still they can't speak our language."

a. disagreement



- a. acting confused
b. acting nervous or anxious
c. acting happy or excited
d. acting sad or angry

3. Based on the following sentence and what you know about the word **prodded**, which sentence best describes how the soldier handled the backpack?

"He prodded the corner of her backpack with the stock of his rifle."

- a. The soldier gently poked at the backpack with his rifle.
b. The soldier hit the backpack with his rifle.
c. The soldier stabbed the backpack with his rifle.
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"Stand still, Kirsti, Annemarie ordered silently, praying that somehow the obstinate five-year-old would receive the message."

- a. Kirsti is usually stubborn and does not always do what she's told.
- b. Kirsti is usually a good listener and follows directions.
- c. Kirsti is usually angry and yells a lot.
- d. Kirsti is usually happy and playful.



- a. a group of people who refuse to accept help from others
 - b. a type of exercise that uses weights to build muscle
 - c. a disagreement between two friends
 - d. a secret organization working against an enemy or controlling force
6. What is the meaning of the word **impassive**?

"She glanced through the window, down to the street corner where the soldiers stood, their faces impassive beneath the metal helmets."

- a. full of emotion
- b. full of expression
- c. showing no emotion
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"Thinking of Lise, her solemn, lovely sister, always made her sad."

- a. sad
- b. anxious
- c. lighthearted
- d. serious

8. Which situation best shows the meaning of **trousseau** in the sentence below?



- d. A student organizes her school supplies for the new school year.

9. Read the sentence below. What does the word **dawdled** suggest about how Kirsti walked to and from school?

"Kirsti dawdled just behind them or scampered ahead, never out of their sight."

- a. Kirsti walked slowly and without urgency.
- b. Kirsti ran quickly.
- c. Kirsti skipped playfully.
- d. Kirsti moved sneakily.

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*"'I did not!'" Kirsti said haughtily from the bedroom doorway.
'I never, ever did that!'"*

- a. She was joking around with her family.
- b. She was quietly thinking about what to say next.
- c. She was feeling confused about what happened.
- d. She was speaking in a rudely proud way.



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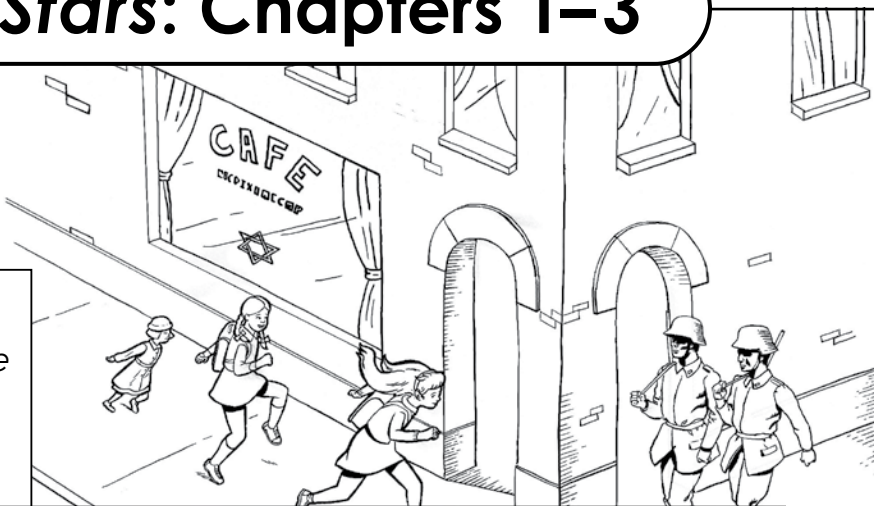
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a. a toy or trinket

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