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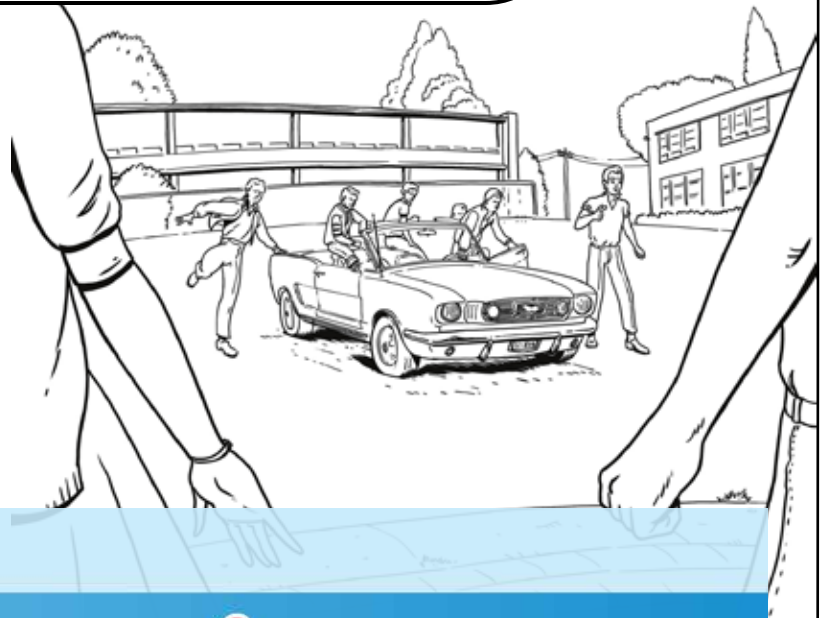
The Outsiders Vocabulary

Chapters 3–4

1. How does the word **ornery** help you understand the horse?

"Mickey Mouse was a dark-gold buckskin, sassy and ornery, not much more than a colt."

- a. He didn't listen well and was hard to train.
- b. He was very large and therefore difficult to ride.



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3. What does the use of the word **broad** suggest about Dally's situation?

"That little broad was two-timin' me again while I was in jail."

- a. His best friend was spreading lies about him.
- b. His mother was planning to kick him out of the house for good.
- c. His little brother was replacing him with another mentor figure.
- d. His girlfriend was cheating on him with another boy.

4. Which word describes people who are emotionally distant and hold themselves apart from everything else?

- a. apprehensive
- b. aloof
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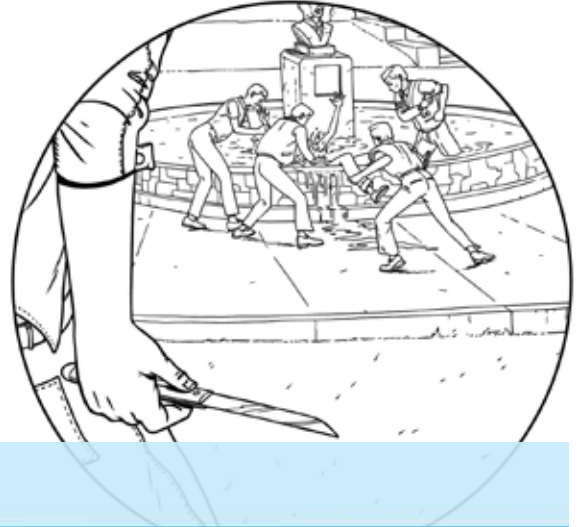
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"[Johnny] was clutching his switchblade, and it was dark to the hilt."

- a. Blood had dripped down the switchblade all the way to the handle.
- b. Ponyboy could barely see the blade because it was dark outside.
- c. The handle of the switchblade had broken off from the force used.
- d. The leather grip came off and got dirty.



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7. In the context of *The Outsiders*, what does being sent to a reformatory suggest about a young person?

- a. They are doing poorly in school and need extra academic help.
- b. They have committed crimes and need discipline and rehabilitation.
- c. They are wealthy enough to attend a prestigious boarding school.
- d. They are joining a youth program for sports and leadership.

8. Which word best completes the sentence?

Zakai detested broccoli, so he glared _____ at the small pile on his plate.

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9. Which scenario best fits the definition of the word **sophisticated**?
- a. Someone plans a quaint, romantic anniversary picnic in the park.
 - b. A college student is excited about moving into her first apartment.
 - c. Someone wears high-fashion clothes to an invite-only art gallery event.
 - d. A group of friends eats fast food while watching TV at home.
10. Which word best describes someone who is worried that the test they are about to get back might have a poor score?

a. apprehensive

b. aloof

c. contemptuous



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d. groggy

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12. What does the use of the word **finality** suggest about Johnny?

"'Dally,' Johnny said with finality. 'Dally'll get us outa here.'"

- a. He is confident Dally can help them and will hear no alternate plan.
- b. He is reluctant to ask Dally for help but doesn't know who else to turn to.
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- c. Sweet
- d. cigarette

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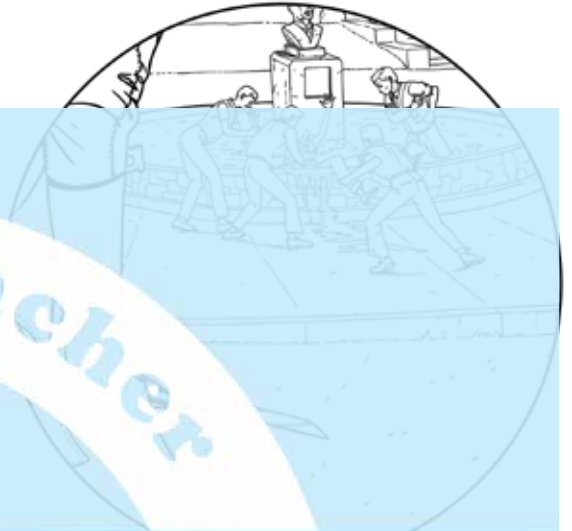
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10. Which word best describes how Ponyboy feels when he realizes that the people he is about to get back might be a bad idea?

- a. **apprehensive**
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12. What does the use of the simile in the following passage suggest about Ponyboy?

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