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The Outsiders Vocabulary

Chapters 9–10

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- a. He is gloomy. b. He is excited.
c. He is anxious. d. He is confused.



2. The word **vacant** implies that something is...



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- c. He views his participation as vitally important to his identity.
d. He is shocked that Darry would even suggest he skip the rumble.

4. Which word is an antonym for the word **agony**?

- a. torture b. confidence c. grief d. contentment

5. Why did the author most likely use the word **convicts** in this sentence?

"We're greasers, but not hoods, and we don't belong with this bunch of future convicts."

- a. to criticize society for encouraging greasers to become criminals
b. to emphasize that greasers are rough around the edges but not serious criminals
c. to show that greasers believe they are better than everyone else
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- c. a shy boy struggling to make new friends
- d. a dog running wildly after escaping its yard

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"Today's Tuesday, and you've been asleep and delirious since Saturday night."

- a. His fever was so high that he essentially slept solidly through multiple days.
- b. He was in constant pain, so his brothers kept him heavily medicated with painkillers and sleep aids.



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- c. Elisabeth writes letters to her government representatives to show her displeasure with current housing laws.
- d. Caspian and Ta'Niya have different tastes in movies, so they take turns choosing what to watch on movie night.

10. What is the best definition for the word **bluffing** as it is used in the excerpt?

*"Dally raised the gun, and I thought: You blasted fool.
They don't know you're only bluffing."*

- a. completely innocent
- b. acting out of fear
- c. not thinking straight
- d. pretending for show

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- b. get sick and require a make-up test at school
- c. graffiti the outside of a store
- d. stop speaking to a friend who offended them

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c. hazardous

d. maintained

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