

*Maniac Magee* Vocabulary Worksheets

Chapters 33-37

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Context Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. Maniac drifted from hour to hour, day to day, alone with his memories, a stunned and solitary wanderer.  

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2. Here the Continental Army had suffered through a winter of their own, and the vast, stark, frozen desolation itself seemed a more proper monument than statues and stones.  

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3. Maniac confined himself to three glasses of water and half a dozen Krimpets.  

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4. "Sure, John, you remember"--(wink, wink)--"at the Little League field the next day, you said I was lucky that all you threw me was fastballs, because you weren't ready to reneg your secret pitch, the one you'd been working on. Remember?"  

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5. Scene: McNab the father swaggers bare-armed out the front door, bellowing back, "Do yer homework!"  

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6. Russell and Piper lie prone at the hole.  

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7. He had suggested this feat himself, everyone else's scoffing--and, while the mother looked on, kissed the baby buffalo.

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8. Other kids were always crowding around, pelting him with questions.

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9. And then one day they gave him the most perilous challenge of all.

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Part II: Determining the Meaning Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. stunned
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. desolation
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. confined
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. reveal
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. bellowing
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. prone
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. scoffing
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. perilous

- A. yelling
- B. limited
- C. jeering
- D. gloom; bleakness
- E. dangerous
- F. shocked
- G. make known
- H. flat