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Dictionary Detective!

Chapters 11 - 15

Using a dictionary, find the definitions for the words below.

disintegrates

Definition:_____

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tardy

Definition:_____

_____

precise

Definition:_____

_____

simultaneous

Definition:_____

_____

coaxed

Definition:_____

_____

confidential

Definition:_____

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Vocabulary Study

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Match Up

A synonym is a word that means the same as another word. For example, happy and joyful are synonyms. Match the vocabulary words with their synonyms!

disintegrates •	• late
tardy •	• persuaded
precise •	• decomposes; dissolves
simultaneous •	• accompanying; concurrent
coaxed •	• exact; accurate
confidential •	• secret

Best Word

Circle the word which works best in each sentence.

1. The laundry detergent pod (disintegrates / simultaneous) in the washing machine when the water reaches a certain temperature.

2. I struggled to solve the (simultaneous / disintegrates) equations in math class today.

3. The location of the president was kept (confidential / precise) in the interest of security.

4. Joe was given detention for being (coaxed / tardy) for class three times in a row.

5. I must take (confidential / precise) measurements of the window before buying curtains.

6. I (coaxed / tardy) my new puppy out of its hiding place with a bouncy ball.

A Little Extra!

Write your own *precise* instructions for how to blow up a balloon.

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Understanding the Story

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Multiple Choice

1. What happens if the ergonyms become exposed to oxygen?

(a) They die.
(b) They multiply.
(c) They become dormant.
(d) They disintegrate.

2. What does Tamaya notice about her hand while she is writing?

(a) It is shaking uncontrollably.
(b) It is beginning to bruise.
(c) It is covered in blisters and blood.
(d) It is stiff from writing too much.

Short Answer

3. Why is Chapter 13 called "Disaster Warning"?

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Long Answer

4. Mrs. Thaxton tells Marshall and his class that Chad is missing. What do you think happened to Chad after his fight with Marshall? Why?

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A Little Extra!

If you were Chad, would you tell Mrs. Thaxton about the fight? Why or why not?

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Chapter Summary

Chapters 11 - 15

1. If you were to give a title to this section of the book, what would it be?

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2. What happens in these chapters?

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3. What is your favorite part of this section of the book?

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4. What new words did you learn in these chapters?

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5. Draw a picture of something you think represents these chapters.

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