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# Dictionary Detective!

## Chapters 16 - 20

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

**billowed**

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**fervently**

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**hollering**

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**insist**

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**pelting**

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**endangered**

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Vocabulary Study

## Chapters 16 - 20

### Match Up

Match the words in the left column to their definitions in the right column.

billowed •	• with great emotion
fervently •	• yelling
hollering •	• to be troubled
insist •	• floated up in waves
pelting •	• throwing things
endangered •	• to be firm

### Fill in the Blanks

Complete each sentence by filling in the blanks with the provided vocabulary.

billowed      fervently      hollering      insist      pelting      endangered

1. "Please stop \_\_\_\_\_! You're hurting my ears!" Jacob said to his brother.
2. Many animals are \_\_\_\_\_ because humans have taken their homes away from them.
3. The laundry on the clothesline \_\_\_\_\_ in the wind.
4. "I will never go to that restaurant again! Yuck!" Amy said \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The children had fun \_\_\_\_\_ snowballs at a snowman during recess.
6. Teachers \_\_\_\_\_ that students walk, not run, in the hallways.

**A Little  
Extra!**

On the back of this sheet, write a one-paragraph story using at least three of the vocabulary words from this section.

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# Understanding the Story

## Chapters 16 - 20

### Multiple Choice

1. Who is described as a "large man with orange hair and an orange beard and a permanent toothpick in the side of his mouth"?

- (a) Mr. Phelmer.
- (b) Rob's father.
- (c) Billy Threemonger.
- (d) Beauchamp.

2. What does Sistine do at the end of Chapter 20?

- (a) Sing.
- (b) Cry.
- (c) Sleep.
- (d) Eat.

### Short Answer

3. Why does Rob find it difficult to tell Sistine his mother's name in Chapter 16?

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### Long Answer

4. In Chapter 17, Willie May says "Who don't know something in a cage?" What does she mean?

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**A Little Extra!**

Sistine and Rob argue about whether or not to let the tiger out of the cage. Who do you agree with and why?

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# Dictionary Detective!

## Chapters 21 - 25

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

**materialized**

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**reproachful**

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**soothes**

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**purposefully**

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**clinched**

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**uttered**

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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# Vocabulary Study

## Chapters 21 - 25

### Which Word?

On the provided lines, write the matching vocabulary word for each definition.

materialized	reproachful	soothes	purposefully	clinched	uttered
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- 1. Calms. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Intentionally. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Suddenly existed or appeared. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Spoken. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Full of blame. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Gripped. \_\_\_\_\_

### Making Sentences

Make a sentence for each word below.

- 1. Materialized: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Reproachful: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Soothes: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Purposefully: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Clinched: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Uttered: \_\_\_\_\_

**A Little Extra!**

What words would you use to describe Rob's relationship with his father?  
Make a list of adjectives below!

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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# Understanding the Story

## Chapters 21 - 25

### Multiple Choice

1. What does Sistine think Willie May is?

- (a) A psychic.
- (b) A prophetess.
- (c) A fortune teller.
- (d) A shaman.

2. In Chapter 23, what does Rob give Willie May?

- (a) A piece of gum.
- (b) His report card.
- (c) A carving of a bird.
- (d) A newspaper.

### Short Answer

3. What is Willie May's advice to Sistine in Chapter 21?

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### Long Answer

4. A *cliffhanger* is a plot device used at the end of a chapter or story to keep the reader coming back for more. DiCamillo does this at the end of Chapter 25 when, after thinking about the tiger and his own sadness, Rob realizes what he needs to do about the tiger. What do you think Rob will do about the tiger?

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**A Little  
Extra!**

Willie May says that Rob is full of sorrow and Sistine is full of anger. What do you think you are full of?

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# Dictionary Detective!

## Chapters 26 - 30

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

**conjured**

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**emancipators**

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**furious**

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**lurched**

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**immortal**

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**complicated**

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Vocabulary Study

## Chapters 26 - 30

### Match Up

*Match the vocabulary words with their synonyms!*

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|----------------|------------|
| conjured •     | • puzzling |
| emancipators • | • undying  |
| furious •      | • angry    |
| lurched •      | • summoned |
| immortal •     | • heaved   |
| complicated •  | • rescuers |

### Best Word

*Circle the word which works best in each sentence.*

1. Watching the snow fall ( conjured / complicated ) up images of vacationing in the mountains at our favorite ski resort.
2. The car ( emancipators / lurched ) forward when Lana put her foot too heavily on the gas.
3. "One wish I will never grant is to make you ( immortal / furious )," the genie said.
4. "This is a ( complicated / lurched ) problem and I'm not quite sure how to solve it," the boy said staring at his homework.
5. The girl was ( furious / conjured ) when she found out that she would not be able to play soccer because of a sudden downpour.
6. The ( emancipators / immortal ) quietly freed the caged birds when no one was looking.

**A Little  
Extra!**

Would you like to be immortal? Why or why not?

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# Understanding the Story

## Chapters 26 - 30

### Multiple Choice

1. As the tiger runs away in Chapter 27, what does it appear to Rob that it is doing?

- (a) Dancing.
- (b) Hunting.
- (c) Hiding.
- (d) Flying.

2. What does Rob think of his father's hands in Chapter 30?

- (a) They are old and tired.
- (b) They are complicated.
- (c) They are shaky.
- (d) They are like his hands.

### Short Answer

3. The climax is the part of the story that is most emotional, interesting or dramatic. What is the climax of this story?

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### Long Answer

4. What leads Rob's world to lurch back into motion in Chapter 28?

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**A Little  
Extra!**

In this story, we read about some of Rob's dreams. For example, in Chapter 30, Rob's dream about the wooden bird is described. Write about a dream you had recently.

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