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### Of Mice and Men Vocabulary

1. **Bundle:** *n.* A small bundle of items rolled up inside a blanket and carried over the shoulder or on the back; a bedroll.
2. **Brusquely:** *adv.* Quickly; bluntly; abruptly; almost rudely.
3. **Contemplated:** *v.* To think about it.
4. **Junctures:** *n.* Where two things come together.
5. **Morosely:** *adv.* In a sad, gloomy manner.
6. **Mottled:** *adj.* Having a variety of hues or colors; variegated, like marble.
7. **Recumbent:** *adj.* Still; without movement.
8. **Wearily:** *adv.* Tired; in a tired way.
9. **Abruptly:** *adv.* Suddenly; almost rudely.
10. **Apprehensive:** *adj.* Anxious; fearful.
11. **Bridled:** *v.* To pull one's head back in anger or pride, especially when one feels one has been offended.
12. **Bristled:** *adj.* Stiff and prickly.
13. **Calculating:** *adj.* Shrewd; scheming.
14. **Cockier:** *adj.* To be conceited, overbearing, and aggressive.
15. **Complacently:** *adv.* In a pleased, satisfied manner.
16. **Derogatory:** *adj.* Belittling and insulting.
17. **Disengage:** *v.* To free.
18. **Dousing:** *n.* To be drenched with liquid.
19. **Gingerly:** *adv.* In a careful, cautious way.
20. **Mollified:** *adj.* Soothed; pacified.
21. **Ominously:** *adv.* In a threatening way.
22. **Precede:** *v.* Go before or ahead of.
23. **Stocky:** *adj.* Heavily and solidly built.
24. **Bemused:** *v.* Preoccupied; deep in thought.
25. **Cowering:** *v.* To shrink and tremble from fear.
26. **Crouched:** *v.* To bend low with arms and legs drawn close to the body.
27. **Derision:** *n.* Making fun of a person.
28. **Receptive:** *adj.* Able and willing to listen to and accept information, new ideas, etc.
29. **Reprehensible:** *adj.* Reprimanded or criticized.
30. **Sarcastically:** *adv.* In a mean way; bitterly.
31. **Aloof:** *adj.* Distant; removed; cool.
32. **Appraised:** *v.* Judged.

- 33. Arouse:** *v.* To excite; bring about.
- 34. Contemptuously:** *adv.* Full of contempt or hatred.
- 35. Mauled:** *adj.* Torn; worn-out; to treat roughly or clumsily.
- 36. Meager:** *adj.* Of poor quality or small amount.
- 37. Scornful:** *adj.* Feeling of contempt for someone or something; belief someone or thing is worthless.
- 38. Monotonous:** *adj.* Flat, with no expression.
- 39. Sullenly:** *adv.* Sadly; in a depressing and gloomy way.
- 40. Writhed:** *v.* Twisted, usually in pain.
- 41. Pugnacious:** *adj.* Eager and ready to fight.
- 42. Skeptically:** *adv.* To doubt or question something.

**Vocabulary Activity #1:** Make flashcards for each vocabulary word. Write an original and meaningful sentence for each word on the flashcards.

**Activity #2:** Match the vocabulary word with the synonym (similar meaning) pairings listed. Use a dictionary if you don't know all the synonyms.

- 1. Scheming, manipulative, conniving \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 More conceited, full of himself, overconfident \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Contentedly, smugly, self righteously \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Disparaging, critical, belittling \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Undo, unfasten, extricate \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Drenching, soaking, saturating \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Cautiously, delicately, tentatively \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Pacify, calm down, soothe \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. Threateningly, portentously, unpromisingly \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. Head, lead, come first \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. Rise, stick out, prickle \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Get angry, become annoyed, become indignant \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. Anxious, worried, hesitant \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. Suddenly, immediately, unexpectedly \_\_\_\_\_

15. Tiredly, resignedly, jadedly \_\_\_\_\_
16. Lying back, arching back, leaning back \_\_\_\_\_
17. Dappled, spotted, stippled, botched \_\_\_\_\_
18. Grumpily, crossly, peevishly, sulkily \_\_\_\_\_
19. Point in time, meeting area, convergence \_\_\_\_\_
20. Considered, mulled over, reflected, planned \_\_\_\_\_
21. Roughly, violently, harshly \_\_\_\_\_
22. Pack, slung backpack, shoulder packing container \_\_\_\_\_
23. Scorn, disdain, contempt \_\_\_\_\_
24. Shrink, cringe, shy away \_\_\_\_\_
25. Thickset, sturdy, stout, burly \_\_\_\_\_
26. Aggressive, confrontational, belligerent \_\_\_\_\_
27. Twisted in pain, contort in agony \_\_\_\_\_
28. Dull, droning, repetitive \_\_\_\_\_
29. Skimpy, paltry, too little \_\_\_\_\_
30. Disdainfully, scornfully, disapprovingly \_\_\_\_\_
31. Stimulate, provoke, awaken \_\_\_\_\_
32. Distant, detached, remote \_\_\_\_\_
33. In the wrong culpable, liable \_\_\_\_\_
34. Bend down, lie in waiting \_\_\_\_\_
35. Confused, puzzled, mystified \_\_\_\_\_
36. Hesitantly, doubtfully, distrustfully \_\_\_\_\_
37. Grimly, morosely, gloomily \_\_\_\_\_
38. Contemptuous, mocking, sneering \_\_\_\_\_

39. Attacked, mangled, beaten \_\_\_\_\_

40. Amenable, interested, sympathetic \_\_\_\_\_

41. Valued, figured worth \_\_\_\_\_

42. Ironically, mockingly, derisively \_\_\_\_\_

**Activity #3:** Using your vocabulary words, create a replacement sentence of no more than four words for the sentences below.

1. Sandy was thinking about it for a great deal of time, and she couldn't stop until she figured the answer out.

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2. Ed did things at the last moment, never making plans too far in advance and not caring what others thought of his last minute planning.

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3. Brooke wore a dress with lots of colors, shapes, designs in a myriad of different styles and hues mixed together.

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4. Tom was always coming up with plan after complicated plan in order to get his way. He slyly figured out how things could work out to his advantage.

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5. Mr. Barr thinks he's so smart, but Mr. Walters thinks he's even smarter than Mr. Barr. Who do you think is more conceited?

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**Activity #4:** Answer each question involving a vocabulary word from this chapter and provide and reason why you chose your answer.

1. What movie have you seen where a character was pugnacious? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What advertisement have you seen which involved someone who was skeptical? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Name a song in which someone is scornful: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What is a story you have read where someone acted in a sullen way? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Name a television show which often involves some form of sarcasm: \_\_\_\_\_

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