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Student Worksheet #3-page 1
Vocabulary —Chapters 3-8
Use With List 2

In Other Words...

Find the word from Vocabulary List 2 (page 10) that belongs in each blank. Write the word on the first blank line. Then, on the parenthetical blank, write another word that could be used to give the sentence the same meaning.

1. All the old pleasures _____ (_____).
2. His lips curled _____ (_____).
3. Under the kitchen window, the first _____ (_____) were blooming.
4. Her eyes brightened in _____ (_____).
5. "You can't _____ (_____) something like that."
6. Never, Susan thought _____ (_____), never in all the time to come will I ever, ever be as happy as I am right now.
7. "She's not _____ (_____)".
8. The policeman, whom she had hoped to charm into letting her off with a warning, had not been _____ (_____).
9. "It would set a _____ (_____)".
10. She didn't know the woman's name, but she did know that she was _____ (_____).
11. ...she found herself the only one in the class excluded from Betsy's tenth birthday party, and was therefore totally _____ (_____).
12. Her _____ (_____) liked her for her sparkle and charm.
13. As soon as he allowed such a _____ (_____) to cross his mind, he was swept with guilt.

Name _____

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Student Worksheet #4
Vocabulary—Chapters 9-14
Use With List 3

A Mystery for You to Solve

Use the words from Vocabulary List 3 (page 11) to fill in the blank squares below. Then read down the center to find the clue for the “What is it?” The answer to the “What is it?” can be found somewhere in your book. When you find it, write it on the line.

walking purposefully
extremely painful
not needing anything else
stronghold
dependable; upstanding
with sincere apology
thinking of something else
with doubt
with hard work and attention
frustration
[FREE]
lessen
heart condition
concerned; worried
serious crime
viewing the past
sadly

What is it?

CLUE: _____

Answer: _____

Chapters 3 and 4

10. Describe Dave. What are his responsibilities at home? What kind of student is he? What are his hopes for the future? Would you want to have Dave for a friend? Explain why or why not. _____

11. Dave is unsure about helping Mark with his scheme. What does Mark do to convince him? _____

12. Who calls Sue? Why? _____

13. What is Sue's reaction to her phone call? _____

14. What will be Sue's part in Mark's plan? _____

15. What is Sue's initial reaction to the plan? Why does she finally agree? _____

16. What kind of feeling do you get from the last sentence of the chapter? The sentence is an example of what writing technique? _____

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Comprehension Quiz
Chapters 15-19

Put the following sets of events in chronological order, numbering each set 1-5. Then put the sets themselves in chronological order, lettering A-D.

- _____ 1. Sue must listen to her parents discuss the murder.
_____ 2. Mark pays a visit to Grandma Ruggles.
_____ 3. Jeff's parents discuss Mark.
_____ 4. Dave and his mother go to church.
_____ 5. Grandma Ruggles admits to herself the ring is not her son's.

- _____ 1. Mark sets the curtains on fire.
_____ 2. Mrs. McConnell explains to Sue that Mark is a psychopath.
_____ 3. Kathy Griffin and Detective Baca rescue Sue.
_____ 4. Jeff and Betsy help Mark tie up Sue.
_____ 5. Sue tells Jeff, Betsy, and Mark how much she hates them.

- _____ 1. David introduces Sue to his grandmother.
_____ 2. Sue tries to help David lie about the ring.
_____ 3. David goes to his house with Sue to get the ring.
_____ 4. Sue calls Mark.
_____ 5. David offers to give Grandma Ruggles a dozen candy bars in exchange for the ring.

- _____ 1. Sue decides not to accompany her family to the church supper.
_____ 2. Betsy wants Sue to be her alibi for the night.
_____ 3. Sue realizes Mark killed Grandma Ruggles.
_____ 4. Jeff and Betsy pay a surprise visit to Sue.
_____ 5. A phone call to David reveals that Gram is dead.