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# Raggedy CHAN

## Chapter 1: How Raggedy Chan Got Her Name Pages 2-17

**Vocabulary:** Understanding a word based on how it's used in a sentence

Read the passage from the book and circle the definition you think matches the **underlined word** in the story.

**1. Page 2:** Emma scrambled up [onto the couch], pulling the red-haired rag doll into her lap. Auntie Gracie sat beside her, picking up the doll.

“This your favorite toy?”

“It’s from Grandma McDougal,” Emma said. “She had a raggedy doll just like this one when she was a little girl.”

Auntie Gracie **pursed** her lips and placed the doll on the coffee table.

- a. pressed tightly together
- b. bit
- c. licked
- d. opened

**2. Page 4:** Kunlun rose out of the sea, stretching so tall it touched the sky. With its land green and its water pure, Kunlun was the most beautiful place in the world. The magical plants and animals that **dwelled** there never suffered from hunger, thirst, illness, or death.

- a. sang songs
- b. lived
- c. ran away from
- d. hated it

**3. Page 5:** One morning, standing upon a jasper balcony, Yao-chi heard a flap of wings that drew her eyes upward. A large bird, **silhouetted** against the sun, swooped toward her. He alighted atop the balcony railing, singing a low-pitched song.

- a. running
- b. loved
- c. outlined, blackened
- d. carried

**4. Page 5:** From his perch, he [Many-Splendored Bird] stood nose-to-nose with Yao-chi. He wore a crest of scarlet-red plumes. His chest was dazzling green. Feathers the color of rust bedecked his wings and tail. Both legs ended in large **talons**.

- a. shoes
- b. socks
- c. toes
- d. claws

**5. Page 5:** “Many-Splendored Bird.” She’d heard stories of this creature, but it had been many **millennia** since he’d darkened Kunlun. “You bring warning of impending evil. You must show me.”

- a. days
- b. weeks
- c. 1,000 years
- d. minutes

**6. Page 5:** “Many-Splendored Bird.” She’d heard stories of this creature, but it had been many millennia since he’d darkened Kunlun. “You bring warning of **impending** evil. You must show me.”

- a. about to happen
- b. already happened
- c. will never happen
- d. is happening right now

**7. Page 6:** She took a step closer and looked into his double pupils. The top pupils reflected her face back at her. The bottom pupils showed Kunlun from a distance. The **vibrant** mountain kingdom turned brittle and brown. Waterfalls and streams wasted into dust, while trees stiffened and shed their leaves. The creatures of the kingdom shrank with hunger, ribs protruding from flesh.

- a. frozen
- b. flooded
- c. fresh, green and alive
- d. without life

**8. Page 6:** Among the **desolation** walked a short woman dressed in green—not the bright green of spring, but the pale, withered green of a plant choked for water.

- a. hills
- b. ruin
- c. buildings
- d. beautiful scenery

**9. Page 6:** Among the desolation walked a short woman dressed in green—not the bright green of spring, but the pale, **withered** green of a plant choked for water.

- a. fresh
- b. beautiful
- c. dried up
- d. hot

**10. Page 6:** Many-Splendored Bird opened his beak; **mournful** song poured out. He unfurled his wings and flew away, song drifting behind him.

- a. happy
- b. long
- c. well-known
- d. sad

**11. Page 6:** “I must warn Queen Mother.” Yao-chi took the balcony steps two at a time, then dashed down a moss-covered path toward Queen Mother’s grove of magical sand-pears. “Mother!” Her shout broke the **tranquility** of the dappled shadows. “Peril comes to Kunlun.”

- a. quiet
- b. noise
- c. loud
- d. excitement

**12. Page 7:** She burst into the grove, breathing hard. Queen Mother, shoulders drawn up in a stance of **serene** power, threw up one hand to command silence.

- a. extreme
- b. nasty
- c. rich
- d. calm, peaceful

**13. Page 7:** Drought Fury’s breath hissed out of her nose. Casting a dark, ugly expression at Queen Mother, she **pivoted** on her heel and stalked into the forest.

- a. turned
- b. ran
- c. danced
- d. jumped

**14. Page 8:** A roar split the morning air, **vibrating** the ground on which they stood. Yao-chi was thrown against a sand-pear tree. Queen Mother grabbed a boulder for balance.

- a. covering
- b. shaking
- c. lighting
- d. flooding

**15. Page 8:** Enormous ice-blue wings burst into the sky, propelling a **serpentine** body into the sunlight. A scaled, leonine head tossed an ice-blue mane.

“Winged Dragon,” Yao-chi breathed.

- a. cow-like
- b. bird-like
- c. snake-like
- d. camel-like

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- a. bear-like
- b. ostrich-like
- c. elephant-like
- d. lion-like

**17. Page 9:** “She brought an enchanted harness into Kunlun,” moaned Queen Mother. “I did not foresee this **treachery**.”

- a. evil trick
- b. good trick
- c. surprise
- d. problem

**18. Page 12:** A creature as long as she was tall burst through the seaweed, swimming circles around her. Water shed uneven light over his orange and black scales. His **fibrous** mane crackled with electricity, a warning to predators.

- a. short
- b. stringy
- c. smooth
- d. ugly

**19. Page 14:** Yao-chi opened her mouth. Out of her throat floated a glowing, jasper-colored **orb**. Tiger Dragon opened his mouth to receive it. Yao-chi hesitated, balancing the jasper **orb** on the tip of her tongue.

- a. ball
- b. box
- c. triangle
- d. rectangle

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## Chapter 2: *Raggedy Chan Goes to the City* Pages 18-23

**Vocabulary:** Understanding a word based on how it's used in a sentence

Read the passage from the book and circle the definition you think matches the **underlined word** in the story.

**1. Page 19:** “Maybe things are different where you come from, but in America, we don’t **tolerate** rudeness,” said Raggedy Dan. “Get to the back of the line and wait your turn.”

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| a. allow, permit | b. stop    |
| c. block         | d. dislike |

**2. Page 20:** “Torch Dragon!” she called. “If ever there was a time to come to the aid of a friend, it is now. On behalf of Kunlun, I **beseech** your presence.”

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|------------------|------------|
| a. run away from | b. beg for |
| c. don’t need    | d. see     |

**3. Page 20:** “Daughter of Queen Mother. You have lost your name.” Torch Dragon circled around her, opening his **solitary** eye. Light—bright and concentrated as though focused by a mirror—poured out.

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| a. dark        | b. shiny |
| c. one, single | d. silky |

**4. Page 20:** “My time here must be brief,” replied Torch Dragon. “I’ve heard rumors of Kunlun losing Winged Dragon. I can only assume it is this disaster that caused you to **summon** me.”

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|-----------|-------------|
| a. answer | b. question |
| c. tell   | d. call     |

**5. Page 22:** He gripped her so tightly she could not move. He opened his eye wide, blinding her with hot, white, **unrelenting** light. She glimpsed the silhouette of a talon reaching for her eyes. Then a spike of pain shot through her face to the back of her head. All went dark.

- a. easily stopped
- b. weak
- c. unchanging, unstopping
- d. soft

**6. Page 22:** “My eyes!” She thrashed in his embrace, feeling blood pour down her cheeks. “You have taken my eyes!”

“Only so that I may better help you see, my little one.” **Remorse** hung thick in Torch Dragon’s voice. “Alas, it’s not yet over. I must sew on your new eyes.”

- a. sadness, deep regret
- b. happiness
- c. cleverness
- d. warm feelings

**7. Page 23:** Raggedy Chan threw her arms around him. “Torch Dragon, I owe you a great debt.”

“Save Winged Dragon, and all debts are paid.” He gently **disengaged** her. “I must go now, Raggedy Chan. I grow weak.” He blinked his eye, faded into red mist, and disappeared.”

- a. took hold of
- b. grabbed
- c. released
- d. hung on to

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## Chapter 3: *Raggedy Chan Goes Shopping* Pages 24-31

**Vocabulary:** Understanding a word based on how it's used in a sentence

Read the passage from the book and circle the definition you think matches the **underlined word** in the story.

**1. Page 25:** At the bottom of the flyer was a small map. Following the map, Raggedy Chan left the diner and found a bus. Riding it over a bridge and out of the city, she came to a town **comprised** of small neat houses and family-run stores.

- a. made up
- b. making a fool
- c. making money
- d. painted neatly

**2. Page 26:** She wandered the streets until she came to a car lot, and browsed up and down the rows. Sports cars were too small and impractical for her needs, but the two-door sedans appeared comfortable. As she cupped her hands around a window for a closer look, something bright flashed in her **periphery**.

- a. behind
- b. in the edge of her vision
- c. in front
- d. in the way off distance

**3. Page 27:** Raggedy Chan **trudged** away. She felt the eyes of the Jung-wu following her. It was her skin, she knew; she was obviously foreign, obviously not of the Jung-wu world.

- a. ran quickly
- b. skipped
- c. walked wearily
- d. hopped

**4. Page 27:** She walked, searching for another car lot. When she reached a field at the edge of town, she realized there was no other car lot. Raggedy Chan sat down in the middle of the field beneath an **ancient** oak.

- a. young
- b. middle-aged
- c. just-planted
- d. very old

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**5. Page 27:** Something tickled her shoulder. She sat up.

A yellow-green caterpillar crawled across her **clavicle**. From top to tail, he was about as long and as thick as her middle finger.

- a. arm
- b. stomach
- c. collarbone
- d. head

**6. Page 27:** From top to tail, he was about as long and as thick as her middle finger. His **bulbous**, tan face probed the air.

“Caterpillar.” She cupped him in her hands, studying his features. There was something familiar about him. “Is this where you live, little caterpillar? In this lovely oak?”

- a. thin
- b. bulb-shaped, bulging
- c. thick
- d. heavy

**7. Page 28:** “My friends of the Pern-yi clan, I have great need of you. My skin, as it is now, **alienates** me from the world of the Jung-wu. It must be converted from flesh to cloth. Will you aid me in the plight?”

- a. to make one feel like an outsider
- b. to make the same
- c. to make happy
- d. to include

**8. Page 28:** “My friends of the Pern-yi clan, I have great need of you. My skin, as it is now, alienates me from the world of the Jung-wu. It must be **converted** from flesh to cloth. Will you aid me in the plight?”

- a. painted
- b. changed
- c. decorated
- d. hidden

**9. Page 31:** Emma took a **miniscule** bite. She chewed, swallowed, and considered. Then she took another bite, this one larger. “Wow. This is good.” She chomped. Her eyes widened as the pork mixture hit her tongue. “*Really* good.”

- a. very large
- b. big
- c. very, very small
- d. medium-sized

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## Chapter 4: *Raggedy Chan Goes to the Circus* Pages 32-47

**Vocabulary:** Understanding a word based on how it's used in a sentence

Read the passage from the book and circle the definition you think matches the **underlined word** in the story.

**1. Page 32-33:** The cotton around his eyes creased as he smiled. “Thank you kindly, miss. I’ll just round up my friend.”

The big blue ox **ambled** up to him, lowing.

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|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| a. walked at a slow, easy pace | b. rushed            |
| c. ran                         | d. skipped excitedly |

**2. Page 32-33:** The cotton around his eyes creased as he smiled. “Thank you kindly, miss. I’ll just round up my friend.”

The big blue ox **ambled** up to him **lowing**.

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| a. humming | b. singing   |
| c. mooing  | d. grumbling |

**3. Page 32-33:** The cotton around his eyes creased as he smiled. “Thank you kindly, miss. I’ll just round up my friend.”

The big blue ox ambled up to him lowing. The Jung-wu tossed his backpack into the truck bed and lowered the tailgate. The beast **clambered** in, hooves shrill against the paint.

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| a. jumped | b. climbed with difficulty |
| c. hopped | d. walked easily           |

**4. Page 33:** The Jung-wu circled around and got into the truck beside Raggedy Chan. He **slouched** in the seat to keep his head from bumping against the roof. He folded his knees up to his chest, but his shins still rubbed against the dashboard.

- a. stretched out
- b. layed down
- c. drooped or hunched over
- d. sat up straight

**5. Page 33:** “A warrior, eh?” His eyebrows climbed high. “No, miss, I’m no warrior. I’m nothing but a lumberjack, and a poor lumberjack at that. My axe is sharp and my swing powerful, but I can’t compete with the mighty chain saw. Babe can’t compete with the locomotive. We’re two **misfits** in a world that has no use for us anymore.”

- a. people who fit in with the group
- b. people who are happy
- c. people who can work
- d. people who do not fit in with a group

**6. Page 34:** “But why you feel out of place?” she asked. “This your country, your homeland.” “It is my homeland,” said Paul Bunyan. “But it longer feels like my home.” He gazed sadly at his axe. Babe lowed from the back of the truck, adding his **melancholy** to that of Paul Bunyan.

- a. happiness
- b. gloomy state of mind
- c. laughter
- d. positive outlook

**7. Page 34:** The highway led them past small farmsteads, but they passed no other towns. Belatedly, as the sun set with no sign of civilization on the horizon, Raggedy Chan realized she had not thought to stock up on **provisions**.

“I have no food, she said. “No water, no blankets. I thought there be more towns.”

- a. food and other supplies
- b. houses
- c. dirt
- d. toys

**8. Page 38:** Leaving Babe in the truck, they followed the crowd toward the largest of the tents. Instead of going inside, Paul Bunyan led her around back. A **semicircle** of trailers concealed the back of the tent.

- a. circle
- b. half circle
- c. square
- d. rectangle

**9. Page 38:** They peered between the trailers and saw Jung-wu in **garish** clothing dashing to and fro.

- a. plain
- b. fashionable
- c. very showy and bright
- d. worn out

**10. Page 38:** They peered between the trailers and saw Jung-wu in garish clothing dashing to and fro. They hunched low and cast **furtive** glances over their shoulders, speaking to one another in whispers.

- a. excited
- b. fun-loving
- c. bold
- d. secret

**11. Page 40:** Drought Fury’s voice projected loudly through a speaker. She ordered Winged Dragon out of his cage and commanded him through a series of **humiliating** tricks; he jumped through hoops, danced on his hind legs, and flew in a figure eight. Every time he accomplished a trick, the Jung-wu cheered and Drought Fury held up her arms in triumph.

- a. embarrassing
- b. skillful
- c. easy-to-do
- d. routine

**12. Page 43:** “Who dares to steal my Beast?” demanded Drought Fury. She threw up a hand. Green light shot forth, hitting the curious circus man in the chest. He tumbled out of the trailer, his body shriveled and **desiccated**.

- a. wounded
- b. dried out
- c. injured
- d. alive

**13. Page 43:** “Who dares to steal my Beast?” demanded Drought Fury. She threw up a hand. Green light shot forth, hitting the curious circus man in the chest. He tumbled out of the trailer, his body shriveled and desiccated. Winged Dragon roared in **defiance**.

- a. happiness
- b. laughter
- c. daring resistance to authority
- d. playful mood

**14. Page 44:** The truck plunged into another pothole. Raggedy Chan lost control. The truck jolted and **veered** left, sending her sideways across the seat. Glass shards bounced and tumbled as the truck, with a metallic shriek, tipped over.

- a. turned easily
- b. ran smoothly
- c. backed up
- d. swerved

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## Chapter 5: *Raggedy Chan Goes Home* Pages 48-55

**Vocabulary:** Understanding a word based on how it's used in a sentence

Read the passage from the book and circle the definition you think matches the **underlined word** in the story.

**1. Page 49:** She turned to Paul Bunyan. As their eyes met, his expression fell.

“It’s time for you to go home, eh?”

“Back to my family, yes.” She wanted to say something to life his **crestfallen** countenance, but couldn’t find the words. Instead she held out the hatchet, intending to return it to him.

a. sad

b. upbeat

c. happy

d. interested

**2. Page 49:** She turned to Paul Bunyan. As their eyes met, his expression fell.

“It’s time for you to go home, eh?”

“Back to my family, yes.” She wanted to say something to life his crestfallen **countenance**, but couldn’t find the words. Instead she held out the hatchet, intending to return it to him.

a. hair

b. facial expression

c. money

d. jacket

**3. Page 52:** She opened her mouth wide. Queen Mother released the orb. It floated toward her.

Raggedy Chan moved to swallow it. But as the orb touched her lips, it hardened, the light contracting. She reached for it. The orb brushed her fingertips and **disintegrated**. Jasper light faded into dust and pattered silently to the ground.

a. gathered together

b. sparkled

c. broke up into many small pieces

d. closed up

**4. Page 54:** In the weeks that followed, a great **discord** settled into Raggedy Chan’s chest. She fought the feeling. Her family did its best to welcome her back. She splashed at the feet of waterfalls with her sisters. She walked in the sand-pear grove with Queen Mother.

- a. contentment
- b. silliness
- c. happiness
- d. confusion

**5. Page 54:** But despite their **overtures**, they never looked at her as they had before. She in turn had to admit they felt like strangers. She tried to tell her sisters of her adventures, but they giggled and changed the subject.

- a. satisfaction
- b. loneliness
- c. attempts at friendship or love
- d. disagreements