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Raggedy CHAN

Chapter 1: *How Raggedy Chan Got Her Name*

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

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Chapter 1:

Page 2: *Auntie Gracie pursed her lips and placed the doll on the coffee table.*

a. What do you think the word pursed means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of pursed in the dictionary? _____

c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?

1. Yes, I figured it out!
2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
3. I was close in my guess!

Page 4: *The magical plants and animals that dwelled there never suffered from hunger, thirst, illness or death.*

a. What do you think the word dwelled means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of dwelled in the dictionary? _____

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- c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?
1. Yes, I figured it out!
 2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
 3. I was close in my guess!

Page 5: *A large bird, silhouetted against the sun, swooped towards her.*

a. What do you think the word silhouetted means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of silhouetted in the dictionary? _____

- c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?
1. Yes, I figured it out!
 2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
 3. I was close in my guess!

Page 5: *Both legs ended in large talons.*

a. What do you think the word talons means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of talons in the dictionary? _____

- c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?
1. Yes, I figured it out!
 2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
 3. I was close in my guess!

Page 5: *She'd heard stories of this creature, but it had been many millennia since he'd darkened Kunlun.*

a. What do you think the word millennia means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of millenia in the dictionary? _____

c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?

1. Yes, I figured it out!
2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
3. I was close in my guess!

Page 5: *"You bring warning of impending evil. You must show me."*

a. What do you think the word impending means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of impending in the dictionary? _____

c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?

1. Yes, I figured it out!
2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
3. I was close in my guess!

Page 6: *The vibrant mountain kingdom turned brittle and brown.*

a. What do you think the word vibrant means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of vibrant in the dictionary? _____

- c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?
1. Yes, I figured it out!
 2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
 3. I was close in my guess!

Page 6: *Among the desolation walked a short woman dressed in green—*

a. What do you think the word desolation means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of desolation in the dictionary? _____

- c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?
1. Yes, I figured it out!
 2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
 3. I was close in my guess!

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. What do you think the word withered means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of withered in the dictionary? _____

- c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?
1. Yes, I figured it out!
 2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
 3. I was close in my guess!

Page 6: *Many-Splendored Bird opened his beak; mournful song poured out.*

a. What do you think the word mournful means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of mournful in the dictionary? _____

c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?

1. Yes, I figured it out!
2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
3. I was close in my guess!

Page 6: *“Mother!” Her shout broke the tranquility of the dappled shadows.*

a. What do you think the word tranquility means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of tranquility in the dictionary? _____

c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?

1. Yes, I figured it out!
2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
3. I was close in my guess!

Page 7: *Queen Mother, shoulders drawn up in a stance of serene power, threw up one hand to command silence.*

a. What do you think the word serene means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of serene in the dictionary? _____

- c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?
1. Yes, I figured it out!
 2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
 3. I was close in my guess!

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. What do you think the word pivoted means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of pivoted in the dictionary? _____

- c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?
1. Yes, I figured it out!
 2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
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Page 8: *A roar split the morning air, vibrating the ground on which they stood.*

a. What do you think the word vibrating means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of vibrating in the dictionary? _____

- c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?
1. Yes, I figured it out!
 2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
 3. I was close in my guess!

Page 8: *Enormous ice-blue wings burst into the sky, propelling a serpentine body into the sunlight.*

a. What do you think the word serpentine means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of serpentine in the dictionary? _____

c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?

1. Yes, I figured it out!

2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.

3. I was close in my guess!

Page 8: *A scaled, leonine head tossed the ice-blue mane.*

a. What do you think the word leonine means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of leonine in the dictionary? _____

c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?

1. Yes, I figured it out!

2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.

3. I was close in my guess!

Page 9: *"I did not foresee this treachery."*

a. What do you think the word treachery means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of treachery in the dictionary? _____

c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?

1. Yes, I figured it out!
2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
3. I was close in my guess!

Page 12: His fibrous mane crackled with electricity, a warning to predators.

a. What do you think the word fibrous means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of fibrous in the dictionary? _____

c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?

1. Yes, I figured it out!
2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
3. I was close in my guess!

Page 14: Out of her throat floated a glowing, jasper-colored orb.

a. What do you think the word orb means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of orb in the dictionary? _____

c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?

1. Yes, I figured it out!
2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
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Chapter 2: Raggedy Chan Goes to the City

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

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Chapter 2:

Page 19: “*Maybe things are different where you come from, but in America, we don’t tolerate rudeness,” said Raggedy Dan.*

a. What do you think the word tolerate means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of tolerate in the dictionary? _____

c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?

1. Yes, I figured it out!

2. No, I didn’t know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.

3. I was close in my guess!

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.*”

a. What do you think the word beseech means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of beseech in the dictionary? _____

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- c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?
1. Yes, I figured it out!
 2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
 3. I was close in my guess!

Page 20: *“Daughter of Queen Mother. You have lost your name.” Torch Dragon circled around her, opening his solitary eye.*

a. What do you think the word solitary means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of solitary in the dictionary? _____

- c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?
1. Yes, I figured it out!
 2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
 3. I was close in my guess!

Page 20: *“I can only assume it is this disaster that caused you to summon me.”*

a. What do you think the word summon means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of summon in the dictionary? _____

- c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?
1. Yes, I figured it out!
 2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
 3. I was close in my guess!

Page 22: *He gripped her so tightly she could not move. He opened his eye wide, blinding her with hot, white, unrelenting light.*

a. What do you think the word unrelenting means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of unrelenting in the dictionary? _____

c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?

1. Yes, I figured it out!
2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
3. I was close in my guess!

Page 22: *“Only so that I may better help you to 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. What do you think the word remorse means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of remorse in the dictionary? _____

c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?

1. Yes, I figured it out!
2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
3. I was close in my guess!

Page 23: *“Save Winged Dragon, and all debts are paid.” He gently disengaged her. “I must go now, Raggedy Chan. I grow weak.”*

a. What do you think the word disengaged means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of disengaged in the dictionary? _____

- c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?
1. Yes, I figured it out!
 2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
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Chapter 3: Raggedy Chan Goes Shopping

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

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Chapter 3:

Page 25: *Riding it [the bus] over a bridge and out of the city, she came to a town comprised of small neat houses and family-run stores.*

a. What do you think the word comprised means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of comprised in the dictionary? _____

c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?

1. Yes, I figured it out!
2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
3. I was close in my guess!

Page 26: *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. What do you think the word periphery means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of periphery in the dictionary? _____

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- c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?
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 2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
 3. I was close in my guess!

Page 27: *Raggedy Chan trudged away. She felt the eyes of the Jung-wu following her.*

a. What do you think the word trudged means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of trudged in the dictionary? _____

- c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?
1. Yes, I figured it out!
 2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
 3. I was close in my guess!

Page 27: *Raggedy Chan sat down in the middle of the field beneath an ancient oak.*

a. What do you think the word ancient means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of ancient in the dictionary? _____

- c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?
1. Yes, I figured it out!
 2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
 3. I was close in my guess!

Page 27: *A yellow-green caterpillar crawled across her clavicle.*

a. What do you think the word clavicle means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of clavicle in the dictionary? _____

c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?

1. Yes, I figured it out!

2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.

3. I was close in my guess!

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.*

a. What do you think the word bulbous means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of bulbous in the dictionary? _____

c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?

1. Yes, I figured it out!

2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.

3. I was close in my guess!

Page 28: *“My skin, as it is now, alienates me from the world of the Jung-wu.”*

a. What do you think the word alienates means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of alienates in the dictionary? _____

- c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?
1. Yes, I figured it out!
 2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
 3. I was close in my guess!

Page 28: *“It must be converted from flesh to cloth. Will you aid me in my plight?”*

a. What do you think the word converted means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of converted in the dictionary? _____

- c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?
1. Yes, I figured it out!
 2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
 3. I was close in my guess!

Page 31: *Emma took a miniscule bite. She chewed, swallowed, and considered. Then she took another bite, this one larger*

a. What do you think the word miniscule means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of miniscule in the dictionary? _____

- c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?
1. Yes, I figured it out!
 2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
 3. I was close in my guess!

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Chapter 4: Raggedy Chan Goes to the Circus

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

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Chapter 4:

Page 33: *The big blue ox ambled up to him, lowing. The Jung-wu tossed his backpack into the truck bed and lowered the tailgate.*

a. What do you think the word ambled means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of ambled in the dictionary? _____

c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?

1. Yes, I figured it out!
2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
3. I was close in my guess!

Page 33: *The beast clambered in, hooves shrill against the paint.*

a. What do you think the word clambered means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of clambered in the dictionary? _____

- c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?
1. Yes, I figured it out!
 2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
 3. I was close in my guess!

Page 33: *He slouched in the seat to keep his head from bumping against the roof.*

a. What do you think the word slouched means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of slouched in the dictionary? _____

- c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?
1. Yes, I figured it out!
 2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
 3. I was close in my guess!

Page 33: *“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. What do you think the word misfits means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of misfits in the dictionary? _____

- c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?
1. Yes, I figured it out!
 2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
 3. I was close in my guess!

Page 34: Babe lowed from the back of the truck, adding his melancholy to that of Paul Bunyan.

a. What do you think the word lowed means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of lowed in the dictionary? _____

c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?

1. Yes, I figured it out!
2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
3. I was close in my guess!

Page 34: Babe lowed from the back of the truck, adding his melancholy to that of Paul Bunyan.

a. What do you think the word melancholy means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of melancholy in the dictionary? _____

c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?

1. Yes, I figured it out!
2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
3. I was close in my guess!

Page 34: 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.

a. What do you think the word provisions means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of provisions in the dictionary? _____

- c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?
1. Yes, I figured it out!
 2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
 3. I was close in my guess!

Page 38: *Instead of going inside, Paul Bunyan led her around back. A semicircle of trailers concealed the back of the tent.*

a. What do you think the word semicircle means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of semicircle in the dictionary? _____

- c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?
1. Yes, I figured it out!
 2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
 3. I was close in my guess!

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

a. What do you think the word garish means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of garish in the dictionary? _____

- c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?
1. Yes, I figured it out!
 2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
 3. I was close in my guess!

Page 38: *They hunched low and cast furtive glances over their shoulders, speaking to one another in whispers.*

a. What do you think the word furtive means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of furtive in the dictionary? _____

c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?

1. Yes, I figured it out!
2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
3. I was close in my guess!

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.*

a. What do you think the word humiliating means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of humiliating in the dictionary? _____

c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?

1. Yes, I figured it out!
2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
3. I was close in my guess!

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. What do you think the word desiccated means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of desiccated in the dictionary? _____

c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?

1. Yes, I figured it out!
2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
3. I was close in my guess!

Page 43: *Winged Dragon roared in defiance.*

a. What do you think the word defiance means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of defiance in the dictionary? _____

c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?

1. Yes, I figured it out!
2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
3. I was close in my guess!

Page 44: *The truck jolted and veered left, sending her sideways across the seat..*

a. What do you think the word veered means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of veered in the dictionary? _____

c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?

1. Yes, I figured it out!
2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
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Chapter 5: Raggedy Chan Goes Home

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

There are some new words in Raggedy Chan. After you finish reading the chapter, see if you can get the correct meaning of the new word, just by reading the story. Then check your “best guess” by looking the word up in the dictionary.

Chapter 5:

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.*

a. What do you think the word crestfallen means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of crestfallen in the dictionary? _____

c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?

1. Yes, I figured it out!
2. No, I didn’t know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
3. I was close in my guess!

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.*

a. What do you think the word countenance means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of countenance in the dictionary? _____

c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?

1. Yes, I figured it out!
2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
3. I was close in my guess!

Page 52: *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.*

a. What do you think the word disintegrated means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of disintegrated in the dictionary? _____

c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?

1. Yes, I figured it out!
2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
3. I was close in my guess!

Page 54: *In the weeks that followed, a great discord settled into Raggedy Chan's chest.*

a. What do you think the word discord means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of discord in the dictionary? _____

- c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?
1. Yes, I figured it out!
 2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
 3. I was close in my guess!

Page 54: *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. But despite their overtures, they never looked at her as they had before.*

a. What do you think the word overtures means in this sentence? _____

b. What is the meaning of overtures in the dictionary? _____

- c. Did you figure out the meaning of the word correctly before looking it up in the dictionary?
1. Yes, I figured it out!
 2. No, I didn't know the meaning, but I looked it up and now know what it means.
 3. I was close in my guess!