

VOCABULARY QUIZ **KEY**

for the story "No Place for the Greedy" by Peter F. Ohman

1. Fill in the blanks with the nouns as they appeared in the story. The definitions below will help you find the right word. Pay attention to the form: *plural* or *singular*.

The **fog** (a) made it hard to see where he was going, and tree **roots** (b) and **bushes** (c) in the dense **woods** (d) made it difficult to walk without tripping.

- a) a grey, moist and usually cool vapor that makes it difficult to see very far, i.e. a cloud that is close to the ground (write the *singular* form above)
- b) the part of a plant that grows into the ground, giving it stability as well as providing it with nourishment (write the *plural* form above)
- c) a large plant, yet smaller than a typical tree, usually with lots of stems and leaves right down to the ground (write the *plural* form above)
- d) a forest; many trees together (write the *plural* form above)

The **entrance** (e) to the **cave** (f) was small, but inside it was large. Danny moved in, away from his **pursuers** (g).

- e) the way into a building, room or other indoor place; an opening through which one may go inside (write the *singular* form above)
- f) a natural underground space; a hole in the side of a cliff which one can enter, e.g. to seek shelter (write the *singular* form above)
- g) someone who is intently following someone or something; a person who is chasing someone in order to catch or kill them (write the *plural* form above)

What Danny was only on the **verge** (h) of discovering, of course, was that the gold was cursed, and he was about to end his days of **dishonesty** (i) as a little gold **figurine** (j) on the floor of a cave in the woods.

- h) the outer edge of something; the moment before something begins (write the *singular* form above)
- i) untruthfulness; a lying and deceiving nature (write the *singular* form above)
- j) a small statue or other human-like representation, often carved out of wood or molded with some kind of metal (write the *singular* form above)

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2. Match the nouns on the left with the correct definitions on the right. Write the number of the definition next to the noun.

*Nouns*

a) candle 5

b) pile 7

c) treasure 1

d) rucksack 6

e) progress 4

f) weight 2

g) limb 3

*Definitions*

1) one or more things of great personal or monetary value; a collection of riches which is kept in a protected place

2) how heavy something is; a physical property often measured in pounds (lbs) or kilograms (kg)

3) arm or leg

4) amount which one has moved forward; advancement; improvement

5) a stick of wax with a string at the end for a small flame, e.g. used as a source of light or as decoration on a cake

6) bag carried on one's back with two straps that go over the shoulders

7) a disorderly collection of items that are lying on top of each other

3. BONUS QUESTION: What is the US English word for "rucksack"? Choose one answer below:

- a) Back sack  
**b) Backpack**  
 c) Packrat

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4. Use each of these nouns only once to complete the following exercises.

verge

pile

pursuer

entrance

limb

dishonesty

progress

*Fill in the blank with the singular form of the correct noun.*

- a) They kept trying to convince the politicians to change the law, but they weren't making much **progress**.
- b) Melanie considered herself a **pursuer** of justice. She would not give up until the law was changed.

*Fill the blank with the plural form of the correct noun.*

- c) When she finally got to meet the lawyer, she was shocked by the **piles** of papers all over his desk and even on the floor.
- d) The lawyer complained of sore **limbs** from sitting all day and always having the same cramped position at his desk.

*Fill in the blank with correct noun in the correct form.*

- e) The lawyer assured Melanie that they were on the **verge** of success. It was just a matter of time until the politicians would have to agree to their demands.
- f) Melanie was skeptical. She was convinced the system was full of **dishonesty** and that nobody could be trusted.
- g) The lawyer suggested Melanie try to speak to her local representative personally. There were three **entrances** to the building he worked at. She just had to find out which one he used in the morning and wait for him there.