

Tom Sawyer
Vocabulary

bona fide, delirious, prolific, diligent, audacious, subtle, incognito, deduce, diffident

1. She was rather _____ at the party, too shy to talk to anyone.
2. When Pony and Johnny cut their hair, they were trying to go _____.
3. The author Ray Bradbury is a very _____ writer, writing at least a thousand words per day.
4. He tried to be very _____ as he cheated, so that the teacher wouldn't see.
5. Pony and Johnny are _____ heroes; they're the real deal.
6. The detective _____(ed) the criminal's identity from the clues he left behind.
7. If you are _____ about your homework, you will do well.
8. Pony was _____ and disoriented after the rumble.

He _____(ly) cussed in front of Mr. Anderson.

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1. **His use of a fake beard and moustache was a pathetic attempt to be _____.**
2. **Winning the lottery made him _____(ly) happy.**
3. **He is a rather _____ liar; he tells so many lies, you can never tell which of his stories is true.**
4. **His joke was very _____; it took me a while to get it.**
5. **There was only a _____ difference between the two \$100 bills...**
6. **...so the bank clerk had to examine them very carefully to tell which was the _____ one.**
7. **He practiced the skate trick _____(ly) until he got it right.**
8. **Tom is a very bold, _____ boy, who is scared of very little.**
9. **"Now, now, don't be _____; speak up!"**
10. **obvious : subtle :: bogus : _____**
11. **On the show *CSI*, the crime scene investigators used science to _____ whom the killer was.**

Johnny and Pony were _____ when they went into the burning church to save the kids.

loathe, covet, flourish, condescending, tarry, prone, oblige, sagacity, alacrity

1. I am not exactly _____ to helping you out of this mess, since it was your own fault.
2. It's hard for Pony to understand the _____(ing)* that Socs have for greasers.

3. There are two commandments of the ten that forbid _____(ing).
4. After his years of hard work, his business is finally _____(ing).
5. discreet : savvy :: patronizing : _____
6. I _____(ed)* too long, and missed the bus.
7. Work is what you are _____(ed)* to do. Play is what you are not _____(ed) to do.
(Same word.)
8. Darry is known for his _____ in dealing with difficult situations.
9. The Socs always say the word greaser _____(ly).
10. Pony couldn't get the image of Bob, _____ on the pavement, out of his head.
11. The helpful student picked up the trash with _____, after being asked to help out.

Two-Bit whipped out his knife with a fancy _____.

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1. wisdom : sagacity :: thrive : _____
2. "Hot ale." = _____
3. I am not exactly _____ to helping you out of this mess, since it was your own fault.
4. Pony couldn't get the image of Bob, _____ on the pavement, out of his head.
5. After his years of hard work, his business is finally _____(ing).
6. The wise man shared his _____ with those who were willing to learn.
7. It's hard for Pony to understand the _____(ing)* that Socs have for greasers.
8. He was _____(ed)* to do all his homework before he watched any tv.
9. hurry : tarry :: respectful : _____

The fireman jumped out of bed with _____ when the alarm sounded.

blather, pariah, impudent, guile, ecstatic, perceptible, vanquish, furtive, odious

1. The homeless are sometimes the _____(s) of today's society.
2. There used to be a brand of aspirin called _____; presumably because it would "defeat" your headache.
3. Tom is often whipped for his _____ behavior.
4. (2) Tom _____(ly) "hooked" a donut while Aunt Polly _____(ed) on and on.
5. The change in the room was so subtle that it was barely _____.
6. Tom was _____ when Becky liked him.
7. Tom finds work _____; he hates it.

Aunt Polly was very _____(ful) as she questioned Tom, trying to trick him.

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1. The greasers were _____(s) in the eyes of the Socs.
2. Tom _____(ed) his opponent in the sword fight.
3. The teacher _____(ed) on and on and on...
4. My mom punished me for being _____.
5. Everything in the room looked *almost* exactly the same, but there was a barely _____ change.
6. The detective was very _____(ful) as he questioned the suspect, trying to catch him in a lie.
7. Tom _____(ed) his opponent in the sword fight.
8. The villagers thought that the criminal was being _____ by returning to the scene of the crime.
9. She _____(ly) passed the note during class so the teacher wouldn't see.

The players mobbed each other _____(ally) after they won the World Series.

omniscient, appalling, purloin, eloquent, zenith

1. While Aunt Polly's back was turned, Tom _____(ed) a doughnut.
2. By definition, God is _____.
3. The speech was short but _____, and people were moved to tears.
4. The sloppiness of the test papers was _____ to the teacher.

The missile reached the _____ of its flight, then started back down.

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1. *pariah : idol :: bottom : _____
2. *Tom : audacious :: Two-Bit : _____
3. *surgeon : operate :: Two-Bit : _____

*The sloppiness of the test papers was _____ to the teacher.

dire, prophecy, writhe, rebuke, clandestine, miscreant, ostentatious, soliloquy, repulsive, vagrant

1. After he stubbed his toe, he fell to the floor and _____(ed) in pain.
2. My teacher _____(ed) me for turning in the assignment late.
3. The spy _____(ly) watched the enemy agent to figure out his routine.
4. The warnings about the storm were _____. Everyone was sure it was going to be a dangerous one.
5. Many of Shakespeare's plays contain _____(ies), where the character reveals what he/she is thinking.

6. Some people find broccoli _____, but some people like it.
7. The _____ was caught with the purloined jewels in his possession and arrested.
8. The gold and diamond trimmed jacket was a bit too _____ for the low-key party.
9. The fortune teller made a very unlikely _____, and then it came true.

Some people are concerned about the _____(s) who hang out by the creek downtown.

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1. "Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo?" is a line from a famous _____ by Juliet on her balcony. (Bonus: What does Juliet's line mean? Hint: Wherefore doesn't mean where.)
2. Aunt Polly _____(ly) watched the bottle of Painkiller to make sure Tom was taking it.
3. When Tom came down late for breakfast..."there was no voice of _____, but there were averted eyes." (Aunt Polly was "guilting" him instead of punishing him.)
4. (2) According to the superstition, a stray dog's howl is a _____ of death.
5. Tom _____(ed) around in his sleep as he dreamed of the murder in the graveyard.
6. Her huge earrings were too _____ for the funeral.
7. (2) The _____ and smelly _____ was last seen accosting people and demanding money outside the liquor store.
8. "...for plainly this _____ had sold himself to Satan and it would be fatal to meddle" with him.
9. "I wonder if I should?" I _____(ized).

"The man moaned, _____(ed) a little, and his face came into the moonlight. It was Muff Potter."

bliss, fickle, apathetic, prodigious, magnanimous, palpable, wary, lugubrious

1. A person who is _____ is probably not going to be a good friend, since he/she probably won't be very reliable.
2. We were very suspicious of the dark alley, so we were _____ when we approached it.
3. Tom's _____ was complete when he made up with Becky.
4. After working so hard, he wanted his reward to be something _____, not just a "Good job!"
5. One reason that few people vote is because many are _____ about politics and government.
6. Tom was very _____ when he took Becky's punishment for her.

7. He ate a _____ number of hot dogs in the contest, so he won.

"Presently, a dog set up a long, _____ howl just outside..."

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1. Baseball fans became pretty _____ after the season was cut short by a strike. It was hard to care any more.
2. The couple had enjoyed 50 years of wedded _____.
3. He hit a _____ home run. It was at least 500 feet long.
4. Luck is _____; one day you have it all good, and the next it's all bad.
5. The orphanage thanked the man for his _____ donation.
6. Tom _____(ily) snuck through the door and under the bed.
7. After working out for a month, he noticed a _____ improvement in his body.
8. By definition, a ghost would **not** be _____.
9. I have never seen him smile; he always has the same droopy, _____ expression on his face.

One of the reasons Aunt Polly tried the Painkiller was that Tom was so _____ about all the other treatments. "This indifference must be broken up at any cost."

canvass (v), marked (adj), earnest, picturesque, diverge/converge, sinuous, proscribe, precarious

1. He made a(n) _____ effort, and his hard work paid off.
2. The little cabin was _____ and funky, but it wasn't very comfortable.
3. The volunteers _____(ed) the neighborhood, talking to people, and trying to get them to vote.
4. After studying, his test scores showed a _____ increase.
5. The teacher _____(ed) the use of notes on the test.
6. He teetered in a _____ position at the edge of the cliff.
7. (2) The road _____(ed), and then _____(ed), forming an "x."

The cave was like a labyrinth, full of dead-ends and _____ twists and turns.

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1. "Are you in real deadwood _____?" asked Huck. "Is it true?"
2. small : _____ :: prescribe : proscribe
3. His position on the team is rather _____. If he doesn't do well next week, he might lose his job.
4. After the rewrite, his paper was _____(ly) better.

5. The Taliban _____(ed) television and music. They claimed those things were against the laws of Islam.
6. The _____ river was difficult to navigate because of all its twists and turns.
7. The searchers _____(ed) the cave, looking for Tom and Becky, but after three days they were ready to give up.
8. "Two roads _____(ed) in a yellow wood..." I went left.
9. There were many _____(ent) opinions about what should be done. No one could agree.
10. (2) She _____(ly) tried to get her work done, and her grade increased _____(ly).
11. For two roads form a diamond shape, they must first _____, then _____.
12. Draw a diagram of two roads that diverge, and then diverge again.
13. For the prank, the bucket was _____(ly) balanced on the top of the door.

"The stirring event (the Welshman and his sons chasing Injun Joe) was well _____(ed)" by the townspeople the next day.