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## ***Of Mice and Men* Reading Vocabulary – Chapters 1 & 2**

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| 1. Brusque _____     | A. Sullen & ill-tempered; gloomy.  |
| 2. Complacent _____  | B. Abrupt in manner; rough   |
| 3. Derogatory _____  |  |
| 4. Flounce _____     | C. Domineering in a haughty manner; dictator; overbearing;   |
| 5. Imperious _____   | D. Expressing sorrow or melancholy; mournful   |
| 6. Lumber _____      | E. Inclined to quarrel or fight readily; quarrelsome; belligerent; combative                             |
| 7. Mollify _____     | F. Indicating the nature of a future event, for good or evil; having the significance of an omen;        |
| 8. Morose _____      | G. Satisfied with the current situation and unconcerned with changing it, often to the point of smugness |
| 9. Ominous _____     | H. Lying down or resting position  |
| 10. Plaintive _____  | I. To lessen the merit or reputation of a person or thing; disparaging; uncomplimentary                  |
| 11. Pugnacious _____ | J. Bounce around using quick, jerking body movements   |
| 12. Recumbent _____  | K. To move clumsily or heavily, especially from great or ponderous bulk                                  |
| 13. Scoff _____      | L. To soften in feeling or temper, as a person; pacify; appease  |
| 14. Yammer _____     | M. To mock; jeer; scorn  |
|                      | N. To talk loudly and persistently   |

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1. A \_\_\_\_\_ tricycle is very good for people with balance problems.
2. Because of the \_\_\_\_\_ music, we knew something bad was about to happen in the movie.
3. I was shocked to hear the girl use such \_\_\_\_\_ language while speaking to her mother.
4. My Starbucks was served by a rather \_\_\_\_\_ woman today.
5. In an \_\_\_\_\_ tone, the police officer ordered the driver to step out of the car.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ of those kids was not as annoying as the screams of their mothers who were yelling at them without any reason.
7. The man looked out of his mansion window and \_\_\_\_\_(ed) at all the unimportant poor people walking around.
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ man walked with his head down.
9. The novel's plot \_\_\_\_\_(ed) to its predictable conclusion after 500 long pages.
10. When the baby started to cry, his mother tried to \_\_\_\_\_ him with a bottle of milk.
11. While my twin sister is quite \_\_\_\_\_, I prefer to avoid confrontations.
12. She turned with a \_\_\_\_\_ that revealed the neat smoothness of her hair and the soft youthfulness of her round face.
13. I could hear the \_\_\_\_\_ cry of the puppy when his owners left each day.
14. We should never be \_\_\_\_\_ about the threat from global terrorism.