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*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry Lesson 1 Vocabulary* C  
Definitions (from Dictionary.com)

1. Amiable:

a. (adj.) friendly; sociable; having or showing pleasant, good-natured personal qualities; affable

2. Dismal:

a. (adj.) causing gloom or dejection; gloomy; dreary; cheerless; melancholy

b. (adj.) characterized by ineptness or lack of skill, competence, effectiveness, imagination, or interest; pitiful

3. Murmur:

a. (noun) a mumbled or private expression of discontent.

b. (verb) to make a low or indistinct sound, especially continuously.

4. Penchant

a. (noun) a strong inclination, taste, or liking for something

5. Undaunted

a. (adj.) undismayed; not discouraged; not forced to abandon purpose or effort

b. (adj.) undiminished in courage or valor; not giving way to fear; intrepid

6. Raucous

a. (adj.) harsh; strident; grating

b. (adj.) rowdy; disorderly

7. Frail

a. (adj.) easily broken or destroyed; fragile

b. (adj.) having delicate health; not robust; weak

8. Ebony

a. (noun) a hard, heavy, durable wood, most highly prized when black, from various tropical trees

b. (adj.) of a deep, lustrous black.

9. Haggard

a. (adj.) having a gaunt, wasted, or exhausted appearance, as from prolonged suffering, exertion, or anxiety; worn

b. (adj.) wild; wild-looking

10. Relent

a. (verb) to soften in feeling, temper, or determination; become more mild, compassionate, or forgiving.

b. (verb) to become less severe; slacken

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*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* Lesson 1 Vocabulary Worksheet

**Section 1:** Select the lesson word that completes each sentence. Write the word in the line provided. Alter the ending accordingly. Some words will be used more than once.

Amiable  
Dismal  
Murmur  
Penchant

Undaunted  
Raucous  
Frail  
Ebony

Haggard  
Relent

1. The man had a \_\_\_\_\_ look on his face after working in the yard all day.
2. The dog has a \_\_\_\_\_ for bacon strips.
3. After the \_\_\_\_\_ party, Cecilia had to clean up all of the cups and plates from her guests.
4. Although the teacher is still strict in many ways, his grading policy has \_\_\_\_\_ slightly.
5. I was \_\_\_\_\_ when I faced my fears and fed the twenty foot python a cricket.
6. It was a \_\_\_\_\_ morning as the rain pounded down on the school.
7. The dark chair was made of \_\_\_\_\_, not mahogany.
8. My mother's glass vase was more \_\_\_\_\_ than I thought; it shattered when I dropped it only two inches from the counter.
9. The newscaster's \_\_\_\_\_ personality will certainly land him a spot on the evening news program.
10. The class \_\_\_\_\_ when the teacher announced a pop quiz.
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ animal leapt from tree to tree in the uncharted jungle.
12. My sand castle looked \_\_\_\_\_ when compared to my brother's.
13. A \_\_\_\_\_ could be heard in the audience when the magician pulled the rabbit out of his hat.

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**Section 2:** Use what you know about the italicized word to answer each question. Circle the letter next to the phrase that best answers the question. Be prepared to explain your answers.

1. Which word is an **ANTONYM** of *amiable*?
  - a. Friendly
  - b. Good natured
  - c. Melancholy
  - d. Mean
2. A *dismal* carpenter would most likely do which of the following?
  - a. Finish a table on time
  - b. Make a lop-sided desk
  - c. Smash a chair out of anger
  - d. Entertain customers with a dance
3. A *murmur* could be characterized as which of the following?
  - a. Quiet
  - b. Loud
  - c. Delicious
  - d. Great
4. Which word is a **SYNONYM** for *penchant*?
  - a. Fondness
  - b. Hate
  - c. Tainted
  - d. Loud
5. In which situation would the person be *undaunted*?
  - a. A lioness licking her cub.
  - b. A man caving in to his daughter and buying her a monster truck.
  - c. A clean freak playing in the mud.
  - d. All of the above
6. A *raucous* party would have all of the following **EXCEPT**:
  - a. A calm atmosphere
  - b. A loud radio
  - c. Lots of trash
  - d. A cheetah
7. If a chair is *frail*, you wouldn't want to:
  - a. Look at it
  - b. Sit on it
  - c. Taste it
  - d. None of the above
8. An *ebony* coffee table would be which of the following?
  - a. Plastic
  - b. White
  - c. Fragile
  - d. Wooden
9. If a person is *haggard*, they might have:
  - a. Slept for ten hours
  - b. Painted their nails
  - c. Worked an overnight shift
  - d. Eaten a salad
10. A **SYNONYM** for *relent* is:
  - a. Weird
  - b. Hard
  - c. Relax
  - d. Worry

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**Section 3: Create your own sentence using the word listed.**

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**2. Dismal:**

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**3. Murmur:**

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**4. Penchant:**

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**5. Undaunted:**

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**6. Raucous:**

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**8. Ebony:**

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**9. Haggard:**

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**10. Relent:**

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**Section 4: For each word listed, create one SYNONYM and one ANTONYM**

1. Amiable

a. Synonym: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Antonym: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Dismal

a. Synonym: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Antonym: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Murmur

a. Synonym: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Antonym: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Penchant

a. Synonym: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Antonym: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Undaunted

a. Synonym: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Antonym: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Raucous

a. Synonym: \_\_\_\_\_

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