

Vocabulary:

Worked to the Bone

- 1. adept (uh-DEPT)** *adjective*; able to do something well; skilled
example: Marcus, who dreams of being in a band, is adept at playing many instruments.
- 2. bedraggled (bih-DRAG-uhld)** *adjective*; messy, dirty, or untidy
example: We were bedraggled after a long day of hiking in the rain.
- 3. bobbin (BOB-in)** *noun*; a spool or reel that holds the thread inside a sewing machine or loom
example: My sewing machine stopped working, so I checked the bobbin for tangles.
- 4. deftly (DEFT-lee)** *adverb*; quickly and skillfully
example: I was impressed by how deftly Janine used her chopsticks. If I had tried to eat those noodles with chopsticks, it would have taken forever!
- 5. deplorable (dih-PLOR-uh-buhl)** *adjective*; very bad; deserving disapproval
example: Hank's lazy study habits resulted in a deplorable report card.
- 6. doffer (DOFF-er)** *noun*; a worker in a textile mill who replaces full bobbins with empty ones
example: Leo is a great doffer. A full bobbin never sits for more than a few seconds before he comes by to replace it.
- 7. flash pan (flash pan)** *noun*; in an old-fashioned camera, a small tray to hold powder that is ignited to create the light for the camera's flash
example: Maria, a collector of antique cameras, searches for old flash pans on eBay.
- 8. malnourished (mal-NUR-ishd)** *adjective*; unhealthy and weak from not eating enough or from poor nutrition
example: The survivors of the shipwreck found little to eat on the island, so they became severely malnourished.
- 9. mangled (MANG-guhld)** *adjective*; severely deformed or damaged from being crushed, torn, or cut
example: Yesterday I found a mangled cell phone lying in the street.
- 10. tripod (TRY-pod)** *noun*; a stand with three legs, used to steady a camera or other piece of equipment
example: Seth placed his tripod far back from the group so that everyone would fit in the picture.

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Vocabulary Practice:

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Directions: Choose the correct answer, using your knowledge of the vocabulary from *Worked to the Bone*.

- Which of the following sentences correctly uses *deftly*?
 - Donald, dancing deftly, stumbled across the dance floor and seemed like he was about to topple over.
 - Everyone in the village was still in shock from the deftly snowstorm that struck last night.
 - The skilled pilot deftly approached the runway and prepared for landing.
 - Martina made pasta so deftly that I knew I wouldn't be hungry for a week!
- Which of the following people might use a *flash pan*?
 - an astronaut
 - a 19th-century photographer
 - a nurse from the 1920s
 - a circus clown
- A *bobbin* can be found in all of the following except:
 - a loom
 - a sewing machine
 - a printing press
 - a doffer's tool kit
- Someone who is *malnourished* probably needs
 - a doctor.
 - a new car.
 - a date for the prom.
 - a hobby.
- Which of the following sentences correctly uses *tripod*?
 - I nearly tripod over all of the clothes left on the floor.
 - A sturdy tripod would help Walter take less-blurry pictures.
 - Miranda cut her sandwich into tripod shapes.
 - The painter dipped his brush into a tripod of scarlet ink.
- Another word for *mangled* is
 - disoriented.
 - disguised.
 - disgusted.
 - disfigured.

Directions: In each group of words, circle the word that does not belong and explain why.

7. **bedraggled** **sloppy** **tattered** **elegant**

Why it doesn't belong: _____

8. **surgeon** **educator** **doffer** **constructing**

Why it doesn't belong: _____

9. **inadequate** **adept** **clumsy** **unskilled**

Why it doesn't belong: _____

10. **loathsome** **satisfactory** **reprehensible** **deplorable**

Why it doesn't belong: _____