

# The Whipping Boy

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## Vocabulary Worksheet 2

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- A. Context Clues.** Circle the highlighted word, and then underline the word that is the best synonym.
1. Something is **amiss**, but I can't figure out what is wrong.  
(funny, wrong)
  2. We received a **\*heartly** welcome from our friends.  
(warm and friendly, honest)
  3. Have you made a plan? Will you tell me your **scheme**?  
(plan, story)
  4. Stan **scoffed** at my idea, but Dad did not laugh at it.  
(agreed, laughed)
  5. I was annoyed because the **pesky** mosquitoes kept biting me.  
(running, annoying)
  6. The **vagabond** wandered day after day, idly passing time.  
(farmer, idle wanderer)
  7. His **\*blanched** face showed his fear. He was as white as a sheet.  
(white, sunburnt)
  8. I've lived in the city all my life. I am **ignorant** about farm life.  
(uninformed, frightened)
  9. I was not **flummoxed** by his tricks; he did not confuse me at all.  
(confused, entertained)
  10. Why is he **sullen**? Is he angry or just in a bad mood?  
(sleeping, angry)
  11. I carried the groceries until their **heft** became too much for me.  
(smell, weight)
  12. It was a **\*paltry** patch of ground, not worth the price he paid.  
(almost worthless, grassy)



**B. Matching.** Write each word on the line next to its part(s) of speech and synonyms.

**amiss**

**\*blanched**

**flummox**

**\*hearty**

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*adj.* wrong, improper

\_\_\_\_\_

*adv.* not the way it should be, out of order

*v.* bewilder, confound, confuse, puzzle

\_\_\_\_\_

*v., adj.* bleached, lightened, made white, lost color

\_\_\_\_\_

*adj.* warm and friendly, strong and well, plenty, ample

**heft**

**ignorant**

**\*paltry**

**pesky**

\_\_\_\_\_

*adj.* unknowing, unaware, uninformed, rude

\_\_\_\_\_

*adj.* troublesome, annoying

\_\_\_\_\_

*v.* to lift, heave, to judge the weight by lifting

*n.* weight

\_\_\_\_\_

*adj.* almost worthless, petty, unimportant, trivial

**scheme**

**scoffed**

**sullen**

**vagabond**

\_\_\_\_\_

*adj.* sulky, glum, silent because of anger

\_\_\_\_\_

*v.* made fun of, mocked, laughed at, ridiculed

\_\_\_\_\_

*n.* tramp, idle wanderer, rogue, hobo, vagrant

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*n.* plan, design, idea

*v.* plot, conspire, plan



**C-1. Flashcards.** Write a synonym for each vocabulary word on flashcards a different color than your spelling flashcards. Play “Concentration” with these words and the words from the previous unit. Directions how to play are in Vocabulary 1, C-1.

**C-2. Jump Rope.** Begin jumping rope. Have someone say one of the vocabulary words. In rhythm with your jump-roping, repeat the word and give a synonym, then go on to the next word. Do all the words in units 1 – 2.

**D. Synonyms.** Cross off one word in each row that does not belong. Words are from units 1 and 2.

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| 1.  | Pesky     | troublesome   | prideful     | annoying        |
| 2.  | Furious   | frantic       | angry        | troublesome     |
| 3.  | Flummox   | humble        | bewilder     | confound        |
| 4.  | Amiss     | wrong         | out of order | frown           |
| 5.  | Rogue     | scoundrel     | improper     | rascal          |
| 6.  | Sullen    | bold          | sulky        | glum            |
| 7.  | Smirking  | sneering      | petty        | grinning        |
| 8.  | Ignorant  | grinning      | unknowing    | unaware         |
| 9.  | Blanched  | bleached      | lightened    | rude            |
| 10. | Heft      | scoundrel     | weight       | to lift         |
| 11. | Defiantly | rebelliously  | friendly     | disobediently   |
| 12. | Scoffed   | made fun of   | ridiculed    | confused        |
| 13. | Scheme    | plan          | plot         | tramp           |
| 14. | Exploits  | mocks         | bold acts    | use selfishly   |
| 15. | Chortle   | terrible      | happy snort  | gleeful chuckle |
| 16. | Paltry    | petty         | annoying     | trivial         |
| 17. | Insolent  | disrespectful | bleached     | sassy           |
| 18. | Vagabond  | tramp         | rogue        | teacher         |



**E. Vocabulary Test.** Choose the best vocabulary word for each synonym. An \* means it is a special challenge word.

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| <p>*1. Warm and friendly<br/><input type="radio"/> heft<br/><input type="radio"/> hearty<br/><input type="radio"/> tutor</p> <p>2. Tramp, rogue, hobo<br/><input type="radio"/> chortle<br/><input type="radio"/> flummox<br/><input type="radio"/> vagabond</p> <p>3. Mocked, laughed at<br/><input type="radio"/> blanched<br/><input type="radio"/> scoffed<br/><input type="radio"/> scowled</p> <p>4. Terrible, fearful<br/><input type="radio"/> dreadful<br/><input type="radio"/> ignorant<br/><input type="radio"/> frantic</p> <p>5. To judge the weight by lifting<br/><input type="radio"/> heft<br/><input type="radio"/> exploit<br/><input type="radio"/> scheme</p> <p>6. Wrong, improper<br/><input type="radio"/> furious<br/><input type="radio"/> pesky<br/><input type="radio"/> amiss</p> <p>7. Take pride, boast<br/><input type="radio"/> gloat<br/><input type="radio"/> smirk<br/><input type="radio"/> scoff</p> <p>*8. Gleeful chuckle<br/><input type="radio"/> scowl<br/><input type="radio"/> chortle<br/><input type="radio"/> flummox</p> | <p>*9. Almost worthless, trivial<br/><input type="radio"/> paltry<br/><input type="radio"/> pesky<br/><input type="radio"/> hearty</p> <p>10. Bewilder, confound, confuse<br/><input type="radio"/> scheme<br/><input type="radio"/> exploit<br/><input type="radio"/> flummox</p> <p>11. Boldly rude, disrespectful<br/><input type="radio"/> insolent<br/><input type="radio"/> ignorant<br/><input type="radio"/> amiss</p> <p>12. Frown, look angry<br/><input type="radio"/> rogue<br/><input type="radio"/> scowl<br/><input type="radio"/> blanch</p> <p>13. Sulky, glum<br/><input type="radio"/> defiant<br/><input type="radio"/> sullen<br/><input type="radio"/> furious</p> <p>14. Humbled, sorry for sin<br/><input type="radio"/> contrite<br/><input type="radio"/> dreadful<br/><input type="radio"/> paltry</p> <p>15. Smiling in a silly way<br/><input type="radio"/> gloating<br/><input type="radio"/> scoffing<br/><input type="radio"/> smirking</p> <p>16. Unknowing, unaware<br/><input type="radio"/> vagabond<br/><input type="radio"/> ignorant<br/><input type="radio"/> contrite</p> |
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