

Words From S.E. Hinton's The Outsiders

Avocabo Wordlist 83

ALOOFNESS, AGHAST, CONFORMITY, CONTEMPT,
CORVAIR, GALLANT, GREASER, GRIMACE,
HYSTERIC, IMPLORINGLY, INCREDULOUS,
INDIGNANT, NONCHALANTLY, ORNERY, PALOMINO,
PLASMA, SHANGHAI, TOWHEADED, UNCEASINGLY,
UNFATHOMABLE, WISTFULLY

They walked out slowly, silently, smiling.

"Need a haircut, greaser?" The medium-sized blond pulled a knife out of his back pocket and flipped the blade open.

I finally thought of something to say. "No." I was backing up, away from that knife. Of course I backed right into one of them. They had me down in a second. I fought to get loose, and almost did for a second; then they tightened up on me and slugged me a couple of times. So I lay still, swearing at them between gasps. A blade was held against my throat.

"How'd you like that haircut to begin just below the chin?"

Exercise 83-1: Definitions Match the word from *The Outsiders* to the definition (21 marks)

_____ 1. *adj. not friendly or forthcoming; cool and distant*

_____ 2. *adj. to be brave or heroic*

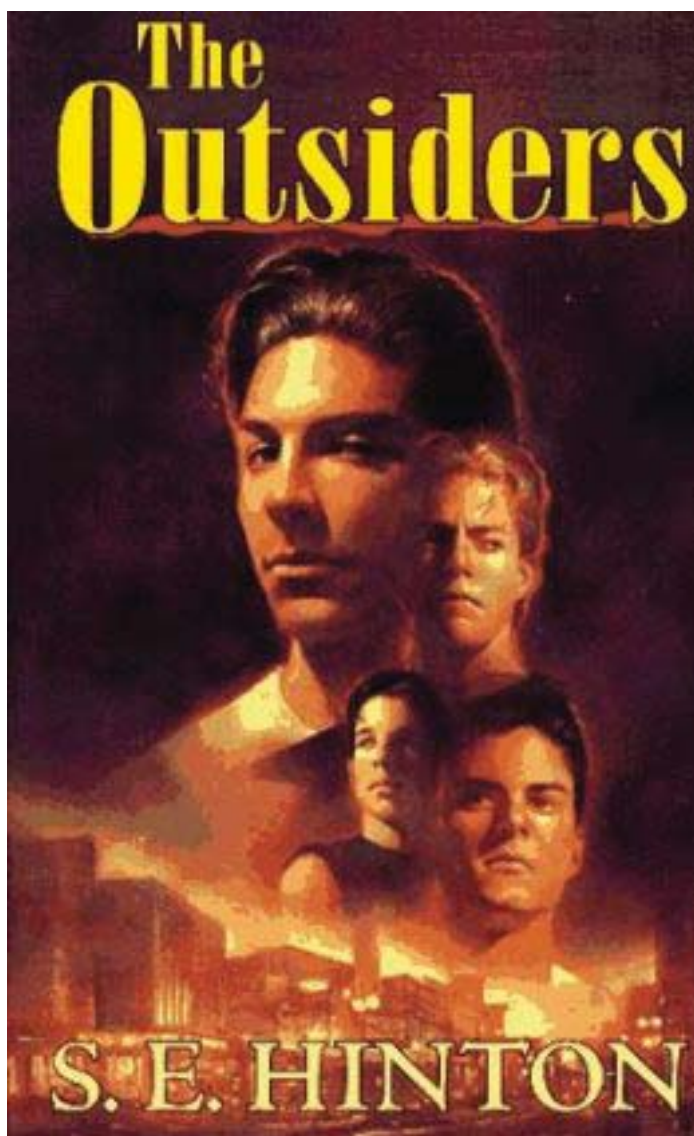
_____ 3. *n. a pale golden or tan-colored horse or pony with a white mane and tail originally bred in the southwestern US*

_____ 4. *n. take (someone) against his or her will for compulsory service, especially on board a ship*

_____ 5. *adj. bad-tempered and combative*

_____ 6. *adj. Feeling or appearing casually calm and relaxed; not displaying anxiety, interest, or enthusiasm*

_____ 7. *n. the colorless fluid part of blood*



_____ 8. *adv. begging someone earnestly or desperately to do something*

_____ 9. *n. a wildly emotional and exaggerated reaction*

_____ 10. *n. an ugly, twisted expression on a person's face*

_____ 11. *adj. filled with horror or shock*

_____ 12. *adj. Having or showing a feeling of vague or regretful longing*

_____ 13. *adj. feeling or showing anger or annoyance at what is perceived as unfair treatment*

_____ 14. *n. the feeling that a person or a thing is beneath consideration*

_____ 15. *n. A rough young man, esp. one who greases his hair back*

_____ 16. *n. an all American compact muscle car that was produced by Chevrolet*

_____ 17. *adj. incapable of being fully explored or understood*

_____ 18. *adj. Not coming to an end; continuous*

_____ 19. *adj. having extremely blonde hair*

_____ 20. *adj. Unwilling or unable to believe something*

_____ 21. *n. compliance with standards, rules, or laws*

Exercise83-2: Fill-in-the-Blanks Complete each sentence from *The Outsiders* with the best list word. (21marks)

1. After the movie was over it suddenly came to us that Cherry and Marcia didn't have a way to get home. Two-Bit _____ offered to walk them home--- the west side of town was only about twenty miles away--- but they wanted to call their parents and have them come and get them.

- a) gallantly b) sadly c) unfortunately

2. Socs were always behind a wall of _____ careful not to let their real selves show through. I had seen a social-club rumble once. The Socs even fought coldly and practically and impersonally.

"That's why we're separated," I said.

- a) pride b) aloofness c) hysterics

3. Marcia grinnead at us. She was a little smaller than Cherry. She was cute, but that Cherry Valance was a real looker. "Y'all sit up here with us. You can protect us." Johnny and I looked at each other. He grinned suddenly, raising his eyebrows so that they disappeared under his bangs. Would we ever have something to tell the boys! his eyes said plainly. We had picked up two girls, and classy ones

at that. Not any greasy broads for us, but real Socs. Soda would flip when I told him.

"Okay," I said _____,"might as well.

- a) contemptuously b) nonchalantly c) nervously

4. "Hold on, kid," Dally broke in. "I can't answer everything at once. You two want to go get something to eat first? I skipped breakfast and I'm about starved."

"You're starved?" Johnny was so _____ he nearly squeaked. I remembered the baloney.

"Is it safe to go out?" I asked eagerly.

"Yep." Dally searched his shirt pocket for a cigarette, and finding none, said, "Gotta cancer stick, Johnny-cake?"

"Goshamighty, boys, ain't you been eatin' anything?"

Johnny looked startled. "Yeah. Whatever gave you the idea we ain't?"

Dally shook his head. "You're both pale and you've lost weight.

- a) delighted b) timidly c) indignant

5. "We'd have to anyway if we got caught. You know the first thing the judge does is make you get a haircut"

"I don't see why," I said sourly. "Dally could just as easily mug somebody with short hair."

"I don't know either--- it's just a way of trying to break us. They can't really do anything to guys like Curly Shepard or Tim; they've had about everything done to them. And they can't take anything away from them because they don't have anything in the first place. So they cut their hair."

I looked at Johnny _____. Johnny sighed. "I'm gonna cut mine too, and wash the grease out, but I can't bleach it

- a) imploringly b) earnestly c) joyously

6. "I hate to leave you here by yourself, Ponyboy," Darry said slowly. "Maybe I ought to take the day off."

"I've stayed by my lonesome before. You can't afford a day off."

"Yeah, but you just got back and I really ought to stay..."

"I'll baby-sit him," Two-Bit said, ducking as I took a swing at him. "I haven't got anything better to do."

"Why don't you get a job?" Steve said. "Ever consider working for a living?"

“Work?” Two-Bit was _____. “And ruin my rep? I wouldn’t be baby-sittin’ the kid here if I knew of some good day-nursery open on Saturdays.”

- a) aghast b) content c) untroubled

7. “He must be a junior in college by now, I thought. He was looking at Darry with an expression I couldn’t quite place, but disliked. _____? Pity?”

- a) contempt b) despondent c) respect

8. “Hey, Two-Bit,” I said, deciding to complete my survey, “how come you like to fight?” He looked at me as if I was off my nut. “Shoot, everybody fights.”

If everybody jumped in the Arkansas River, ol’ Two-Bit would be right on their heels. I had it then. Soda fought for fun, Steve for hatred, Darry for pride, and Two-Bit for _____. Why do I fight? I thought, and couldn’t think of any real good reason.

- a) emotional reasons b) conformity c) satisfaction

9. The next thing I knew I was lying on the pavement beside the fountain, coughing water and gasping. I lay there weakly, breathing in air and spitting out water. The wind blasted through my soaked sweatshirt and dripping hair. My teeth chattered _____ and I couldn’t stop them. I finally pushed myself up and leaned back against the fountain.

- a) unceasingly b) leisurely c) at a controlled pace

10. “Everything he said was so irresistibly funny that he just had to let the police in on it to brighten up their dull lives. (That’s the way he explained it to me.) He liked fights, blondes, and for some _____ reason, school.

He was still a junior at eighteen and a half and he never learned anything. He just went for kicks”

- a) deranged b) dyspeptic c) unfathomable

11. As Johnny told him the story, I studied Dally, trying to figure out what there was about this tough-looking hood that a girl like Cherry Valance could love. _____ and shifty-eyed, Dally was anything but handsome. Yet in his hard face there was character, pride, and a savage defiance of the world.

- a) indignant b) towheaded c) ghastly

12. Dally was arguing with one of the nurses when we came in. He grinned at us. “Man, am I glad to see you! These--- hospital people won’t let me smoke, and I want out!”

We sat down, grinning at each other. Dally was his usual mean, _____ self. He was okay.

- a) ornery b) heroic c) gratified

13. Dally came striding back with an armful of Cokes. He handed one to each of the girls and sat down beside Cherry. “This might cool you off.” She gave him an _____ look; and then she threw her Coke in his face. “That might cool you off, greaser.”

- a) interminable b) incredulous c) apathetic

14. There were some short explosions right after you all got out. Sounded just exactly like gunfire.” Gunfire. There went our gun. And Gone with the Wind. Were we sent from heaven? I started to laugh weakly. I guess that guy knew how close to _____ I really was, for he talked to me in a low soothing voice all the way to the hospital.

- a) depression b) hysterics c) anticipation

15. Soda was really getting a kick out of all this. I guess he would have enjoyed it more if it hadn’t been so serious, but he couldn’t resist anything that caused that much excitement. I swear, sometimes he reminds me of a colt. A long-legged _____ colt that has to get his nose into everything.

- a) palomino b) unhinged c) enraged

16. He gave me a hard rub on the head. "Kid, I swear it don't look like you with your hair all cut off. It used to look tuff. You and Soda had the coolest lookin' hair in town."

"I know," I said sourly. "I look lousy, but don't rub it in."

"Do y'all want somethin' to eat or not?"

Johnny and I leaped up. "You'd better believe it"

"Gee," Johnny said _____, "it sure will be good to get into a car again."

"Well," Dally drawled, "I'll give you a ride for your money."

- a) tiredly b) wistfully c) joyfully

17. "Johnny, well, I don't know about him. A piece of timber caught him across the back--- he might have a broken back, and he was burned pretty severely. He passed out before he got out the window. They're giving him _____ now." He must have seen the look on my face because he hurriedly changed the subject."

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- a) plasma b) popsicles c) hemoglobin

18. "No, Johnny, not my hair!"

It was my pride. It was long and silky, just like Soda's, only a little redder. Our hair was tuff--- we didn't have to use much grease on it. Our hair labeled us greasers, too--- it was our trademark. The one thing we were proud of. Maybe we couldn't have _____ or madras shirts, but we could have hair.

- a) Corvairs b) Ferrari Enzo's c) Audi R8's

19. Two-Bit stared at her admiringly. "Brother, you're a sharp one. Where'd you two ever get to be picked up by a couple of greasy hoods like Pony and Johnny?"

"We really picked them up," Marcia said. "We're really Arabian slave traders and we're thinking about _____ them. They're worth ten camels apiece at least."

- a) pilfering b) shanghaiing c) challenging

20. "What happened to Shepard?" I asked, remembering Tim Shepard's kid brother. Curly, who was a tough, cool, hard-as-nails Tim in miniature, and I had once played chicken by holding our cigarette ends against each other's fingers. We had stood there, clenching our teeth and _____, with sweat pouring down our faces and the smell of burning flesh making us sick, each refusing to holler, until Tim happened to stroll by

- a) grimacing b) grinning c) beaming

21. I looked our outfits over. Most _____ don't have real tuff builds or anything. They're mostly lean and kind of panther-looking in a slouchy way. This is partly because they don't eat much and partly because they're slouchy. Darry looked like he could whip anyone there. I think most of the guys were nervous because of the 'no weapons' rule.

- a) punks b) greasers c) old men

Exercise 83-2: Synonyms *Select the word closest in meaning to the list word (in bold) (10 marks)*

1. The woman went into **hysterics** after her dog died.

- a) delirium b) nuance c) tranquil

2. The **gallant** man jumped into the oncoming traffic to save the cat.

- a) timid b) unnerved c) dauntless

3. Jack **grimaced** when he saw the gruesome wound on Tim's leg

- a) grinned b) scowled c) frowned

4. "With **unceasing** determination she reached her fitness goals in less than ten months"

- a) constant b) little c) hasty

5. Sally stared at her arch nemesis with **contempt** as she walked through the hall.

- a) disdain b) good spirits c) insecurity

6. Thousands of people were **aghast** after the terrorist attacks on September 11th

- a) beaming b) shocked c) devastated

7. When travelling through an airport, you must **conform** by to their rules.

- a) contravene b) yield to c) infringe

8. Jackie was acting very **nonchalant** before her senior speech.

- a) composed b) edgy c) tense

9. After being asked several questions by the press, Obama became quite **indignant**.

- a) untroubled b) lighthearted c) disgruntled

10. The new student felt **aloof** when first arriving at the school

- a) antisocial b) social c) friendly

Exercise 83-4 Antonyms: Match the word with its corresponding antonym (8 Marks)

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| _____ gallant | 1. shamelessness |
| _____ ornery | 2. concerned |
| _____ nonchalantly | 3. overjoyed |
| _____ wistfully | 4. cowardly |
| _____ conformity | 5. kindhearted |
| _____ grimace | 6. respectful |
| _____ aghast | 7. disobey |
| _____ contempt | 8. smirk |

Exercise 83-5 Anagrams: Solve each anagram to find the list word (10 Marks)

1. Vicar Or _____
2. Death Owed _____
3. Main Pool _____
4. Cousin Ruled _____
5. A Hag Shin _____
6. Elf Uh Boatman _____
7. Fly Wilt Us _____
8. A Nice Snugly _____
9. Citron Of My _____
10. Rages Re _____