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Use with the book:  
**Hatchet** by Gary Paulsen

# Hatchet Vocabulary

## Chapters 6–8

1. Which scenario below best fits the definition of the word **pulverized**?

- a. Johnny was so hungry that when he got home, he ate an entire package of cookies by himself.
- b. Christine kicked the soccer ball into the basement wall so hard



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at the top of the paper.

2. Why did the author use the word **ridge** instead of a word like **hill** or **mountain**?

*"He started dragging sticks up from the lake and pulling long dead branches down from the hill, never getting out of sight of the water and the ridge."*

- a. **Mountain** would indicate that the terrain is really challenging when, in fact, it is not.
- b. **Ridge** sounds fancier than hill, making the text more interesting.
- c. **Ridge** is a term used to describe a small hill, so the author wanted readers to know that the landscape was not challenging or difficult to navigate.
- d. **Ridge** gives a more specific sense of the land's shape and emphasizes the narrow, elevated area Brian can see.

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*"There was driftwood everywhere, not to mention dead and dry wood all over the hill and dead-dry branches hanging from every tree."*

- a. There is dry wood everywhere, but he is frustrated that he doesn't have any matches to start a fire.
- b. He figured out how to make fire, but the driftwood is wet and cannot be used.
- c. He has plenty of wood to build a great shelter, but no tools to do so.
- d. Driftwood is great wood to use for cooking meat, but Brian is frustrated that he hasn't found any animals to hunt yet.



5. Based on the sentence below, what does the word **ripe** most likely mean, and what does it help the reader understand about Brian's choice of berries?

*"He selected only the berries that were solidly ripe—not the light red ones, but the berries that were dark, maroon red to black and swollen in ripeness."*

- a. **Ripe** most likely means fully grown and ready to eat; it shows that Brian is careful to choose only the safest and most edible berries based on his prior experience.
- b. **Ripe** most likely means soft and mushy; it shows that Brian likes berries that are easy to eat.
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- a. Brian's father has experience in construction and **crude** demonstrates this expertise and knowledge; Brian used it in building his shelter.
- b. **Crude** means to be done professionally and with care, showing that his shelter is well-built.
- c. **Crude** means to be done with tools, showing that Brian is resourceful and has the tools needed to build a solid shelter.
- d. Brian doesn't have tools or experience with shelter building, and **crude** demonstrates that it was put together in a makeshift way.



in the environment.

- c. The word **fierce** suggests aggressive, so the winds were really strong and powerful.
- d. The word **fierce** refers to something beautiful, so Brian was surprised the plane crashed in such a lovely place.

8. Which word below is a synonym of the word **gorge**?

- a. river
- b. mountain
- c. creek
- d. ravine

9. What does the word **rivulet** imply about a water source?

- a. It's fast and dangerous.
- b. It's extremely deep and cold.
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- a. be painful
- b. be ticklish
- c. be poisonous
- d. require immediate medical attention

11. Why did the author use the word **scrambled** instead of a word like **walked** or **ran**?

*"He scrambled out and stood in the morning sun and stretched his back muscles"*



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12. Which scenario below best shows the meaning of the word **panic**?

- a. Brianna heard the roar of the bus engine coming up her street, but she still could not find her homework.
- b. Jason got home from work and took a long nap before eating his favorite meal, steak, for dinner.
- c. Macy arrived at school just in time for the bell to ring.
- d. Ana placed first at her gymnastics meet on Saturday.

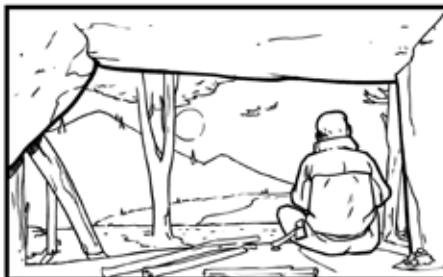
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