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English 10 Mrs. Filor

Vocabulary from *Maus I* and *II*

Look up the following words and write down their definitions and parts of speech.

1**. dowry**

“Her family was nice, but had no money, even for a **dowry**” (17).

definition— part of speech—

2. **pogrom**

“I tell you, there’s a **pogrom** going on in Germany today” (35).

definition— part of speech—

3. **anti-Semitic**

“Were you looted as some kind of **anti-Semitic** activity?” (38).

definition— part of speech—

4. **annexed**

“Reich: **annexed** to Germany” (62).

definition— part of speech—

5. **neurotic**

“He made me completely **neurotic** about fixing stuff”(99).

definition— part of speech—

6. **pragmatic**

“He’s always been-uh-**pragmatic**” (133).

definition— part of speech—

7. **caricature**

“In some ways he’s just like the racist **caricature** of the miserly old Jew” (133).

definition— part of speech—

8. **miser**

“In some ways he’s just like the racist caricature of the **miser**ly old Jew” (133).

definition— part of speech—

9. **presumptuous**

“Just thinking about my book…It’s so **presumptuous** of me” (174).

definition— part of speech—

10. **reproach**

“They didn’t talk about Richieu, but that photo was a kind of **reproach**” (175).

definition— part of speech—

11. **cathartic**

“Could you tell our audience if drawing *Maus* was **cathartic**?” (202).

definition— part of speech—

12. **notary**

“And to have peace only, I agreed, to make it legal she brought right to my bed a **notary**” (207).

definition— part of speech—

13. **maniacal**

“He’s been a bizarre combination of helplessness and **maniacal** energy ever since she left” (281).

definition— part of speech—

14. **quota**

“We wanted here to come, to Uncle Herman, but here was **quota**s, so Herman helped us to have a visa over to Stockholm to wait” (285).

definition— part of speech—

15. **listless**

“He’s been kind of **listless**” (288).

definition— part of speech—

Be familiar with the following German and Yiddish words. They will **not** be on the vocabulary quiz.

kilos—kilograms; one kilogram=2.2 pounds

tuchus—Yiddish for “buttocks”

zloty—the monetary unit of Poland

Gestapo—an abbreviation of “Geheime Staatspolizei,” the Secret State Police, the SS

reich—land annexed to Germany, later meaning the Nazi regime

Wehrmacht—the German Armed Forces

gemeinde—German for “members of a municipality”

shlepped—Yiddish for “carried or moved in a trudging fashion”

“Juden Raus!”—German for “Jews, out!”

meshuga—Yiddish slang for “crazy; senseless”

nu—Yiddish for “so” or “obviously”

oi (oy)—Yiddish for “oh!” or “My God!”

kapo—supervisor

schnell—German for “quick”

Yids—German derogatory term meaning “Jews”

appel—German for “an assembly”

Shvartser—Yiddish derogatory slang for a black person