

Chapter One and Two: Vocabulary A to Z

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| <u>1</u> bale (n.) | A a deep hole in the ground into which sewage from sinks, toilets, etc. is drained. |
| <u>2</u> barley (n.) | B a female dog |
| <u>3</u> bindle (n.) | C a handyman; someone who performs odd jobs often involving cleaning |
| <u>4</u> bitch (n.) | D a large bundle of something that has been compressed and tied together. Grains such as hay, wheat, and barley are often made into these after they're harvested. |
| <u>5</u> buckers (n.) | E a large farm machine used for the preparation of the earth for planting |
| <u>6</u> bucking (v.) | F a lean, sharp face |
| <u>7</u> cat house (n.) | G a medicated liquid rubbed on the skin to ease sore muscles and sprains |
| <u>8</u> cesspool (n.) | H a person who travels about on foot, usually doing odd jobs for a living |
| <u>9</u> cultivator (n.) | I a small bundle of items rolled up inside a blanket and carried over the shoulder or on the back; a bedroll. |
| <u>10</u> dragfooted (adj.) | J a stable is a building where horses are kept. A buck, in this case, is a derogatory word for a black man. This, then, would be a black man who works in a stable. |
| <u>11</u> graybacks (n.) | K A type of cage for keeping rabbits. |
| <u>12</u> hatchet face (n.) | L a type of cereal grass. The grain is often used for making malts and for animal feed. |
| <u>13</u> jerklie skinner (n.) | M a woman of loose morals; one who is prone to be sexually unfaithful |
| <u>14</u> liniment (n.) | N an amount of money |
| <u>15</u> morosely (adv.) | O eager and ready to fight |
| <u>16</u> mottled (adj.) | P having a variety of hues or colors; variegated, like marble |
| <u>17</u> pugnacious (adj.) | Q in a sad, gloomy manner |
| <u>18</u> rabbit hutch (n.) | R lame; dragging a lame foot |
| <u>19</u> stable buck (n.) | S lice; parasites. Lice are small, wingless insects that live off the blood of other animals. |
| <u>20</u> stake (n.) | T mattress covering |
| <u>21</u> swamper (n.) | U people who throw large bags of grain on a truck |
| <u>22</u> tart (n.) | V sometimes called threshers; are used on farms to separate the grain or seed from the straw of such plants as barley or wheat. |
| <u>23</u> thrashin' machines (n.) | W the horse harnessed nearest to the front wheels of a vehicle |
| <u>24</u> tick (n.) | X the main driver of a mule team who handles the reins |
| <u>25</u> tramp (n.) | Y to throw large bags of grain on a truck. Barley is poured into large burlap bags (75 or more pounds) and passed brigade-style (in a line) to the truck. |
| <u>26</u> wheeler (n.) | Z whore house; house of prostitution |