

A Long Way from Chicago by Richard Peck

Chapter 1

Vocabulary Word	Part of Speech	Use in Context	Definition
tykes		"He said it was time we spent a week with Grandma, who was getting on in years. We hadn't seen anything of her since we were tykes" (4).	
privy		"Mary Alice said she couldn't stand the place. For one thing, at Grandma's you had to go outside to the privy" (4).	
prohibition		"Prohibition was on in those days, which meant that selling liquor was against the law" (5).	
stringer		"This sparked attention from some of the bigger newspapers. One sent in a stringer to nose around The Coffee Pot Café for a human-interest story" (5).	
reprobate		"He was just an old reprobate who lived poor and died broke" (6).	
penitentiary		"They were telling the reporter Shotgun killed a man and went to the penitentiary" (6).	
grudge		"Never trust an ugly woman. She's got a grudge against the world" (7)	
sty		"He couldn't hit a barn wall from the inside, and he had a sty in one eye" (7).	

philanthropist		"Shotgun had gone from kill-crazy gunslinger to war-hero marksman. Philanthropist, even" (10).	
pauper		"And now he goes to a pauper's grave with none to mark his passing" (10).	
gauze		"Besides, a heavy gauze hung from the open lid and down over the front of the coffin to veil him" (11).	
tarry		"Which he feared more, the living dead or Grandma's aim, he didn't tarry to tell" (15).	
ponder		"It was a story that grew in the telling in one of those little towns where there's always time to ponder all the different kinds of truth" (16).	

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