

**Vocabulary and Comprehension**  
*You may use your book to help you answer the questions below.*

# “The Landlady”

**A.** Match words and definitions. Write the letter of the correct definition next to each word.

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| _____ 1. facades     | a. come forth                                 |
| _____ 2. tantalizing | b. fronts of buildings                        |
| _____ 3. emanate     | c. person hired to carry luggage              |
| _____ 4. porter      | d. agreeable; pleasant                        |
| _____ 5. congenial   | e. teasing by remaining unavailable; tempting |

**B.** Choose two words from above. Use each word in a sentence.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**C.** Answer each question below.

1. What does Billy first think of the landlady?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name one clue that suggests something strange was going on here.  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
3. What does it mean that Billy’s tea “tasted faintly of bitter almonds”?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
4. Billy remembers reading about Mr. Temple and Mr. Mulholland in the newspaper. What do you think the headlines might have said?  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Vocabulary Practice**

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| ___ 1. swanky     | a. greedy                                  |
| ___ 2. compelling | b. forcing one to do something             |
| ___ 3. rapacious  | c. expensive and showy                     |
| ___ 4. peculiar   | d. room or rooms rented in another’s house |
| ___ 5. briskly    | e. quickly                                 |
| ___ 6. decent     | f. having a strong, often unpleasant taste |
| ___ 7. lodgings   | g. strange                                 |
| ___ 8. bitter     | h. fairly good; satisfactory               |
| ___ 9. congenial  | i. agreeable; pleasant                     |

**B.** Complete each sentence with a word from the list above.

- Billy was on his way to find \_\_\_\_\_ in a cheap hotel.
- He had no money for an expensive, \_\_\_\_\_ place to live.
- Billy walked \_\_\_\_\_ and energetically down a street lined with big houses.
- One somewhat run-down house looked like a pretty \_\_\_\_\_ place to live.
- Would the landlady be \_\_\_\_\_ and charge too much for a small room?
- Perhaps a pub would be more pleasant and \_\_\_\_\_ than a boardinghouse.
- Billy felt a strong and \_\_\_\_\_ urge to enter this house.
- Billy noticed a \_\_\_\_\_ smell that reminded him of something strange.
- Do you think that poison has a \_\_\_\_\_ taste?