

Of Mice and Men

Vocabulary: Chapter 2, Pages 25-32

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- 1) "And at his heels there walked a **drag-footed sheepdog**, gray of **muzzle**...":

Drag-footed: It drags its feet. It cannot pick up its feet.

Muzzle: The part of the dog's head where its nose and mouth are.



- 2) I jus' now finished **swampin' out the wash house.** :

Washing out the bath house.

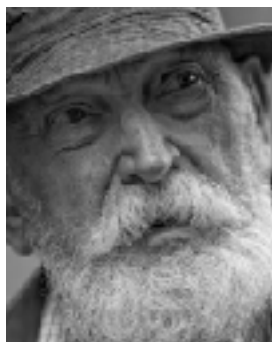
- 3) "I don't like nobody to get **nosey.**" : Interfering in the affairs of other people.

- 4) "I ain't interested in nothing you was sayin'. A guy on a ranch don't never listen nor he don't ast no questions." :

I'm not interested in anything you were saying. A guy on a ranch never listens nor asks any questions.

- 5) "Damn right he don't," said George, slightly **mollified** : Calmed, appeased.

- 6) He stood his broom against the wall and he rubbed his white **bristled** cheek with his **knuckles**.



Bristled cheek



Knuckles

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- 1) "Pretty good. **Seemed awright.**" : He seemed alright.
- 2) "Seen my old man?" : Have you seen my father?
- 3) His **glance** was at once calculating and **pugnacious**:
Glance: A quick look.
Pugnacious: Conflictive, looking for a fight.
- 4) "Let the big **gay** talk." : This is a typo! It should say: "Let the big **guy** talk."
- 5) George said, "**S'pose he don't want to talk?**" : **Suppose he doesn't** want to talk?
- 6) "What the hell are you gettin' into it for?" : Why are you getting involved in it?

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- 1) "Say, what the hell's he got on his shoulder?":
What's his problem? Why is he angry?
- 2) "Curley's pretty handy. He done quite a bit in the ring." :
He likes to fight. He's done a lot of boxing.
- 3) "He's **alla time picking scraps with big guys**" :
He's always picking fights with big guys.

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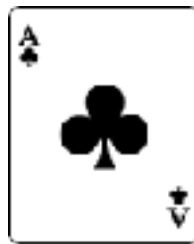
- 1) "S'pose Curley jumps a big guy an' licks him. Ever'body says what a game guy Curley is" :
Suppose Curley beats up a big guy. Everybody says that Curley is a cool guy.
- 2) He'd **slough** me: He'd **punch** me.
- 3) Won't ever get canned 'cause his old man's the boss:
He will never be fired because his father is the boss.
- 4) Seems like Curley is **cockier**'n ever since he got married: Arrogant, showing off.
- 5) The swamper warmed to his **gossip**: Chisme.

- 1) "**Purty?**" he asked casually: Pretty
- 2) **Well--she got the eye:** She looks at men and flirts with them.
- 3) Slim's a **jerkline skinner:** The lead driver of a team of mules.
- 4) **Well, I think Curley's married a tart.**

Tart: A woman who dresses or behaves in a way that is considered tasteless and sexually provocative.

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- 1) He built four **clubs** on his **ace** pile.



- 2) A sound of **jingling harness** and the croak of heavy-laden **axles** sounded from outside:

jingling: A ringing sound made by metal or bells.



Harness



Axle

- 3) **Look, Lennie. This here ain't no set up:** I'm not pretending. I'm not kidding you.
- 4) **He's gonna take a sock at you the first chance he gets:** Punch you.
- 5) **If he tangles with you, Lennie, we're gonna get the can:**
If he fights with you, we'll be fired.

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- 1) **That won't do you no good if Curley wants to plug himself up for a fighter:**
...if Curley wants to prove he's a good fighter.

- 2) **Don't let him pull you in. But if the son-of-a-bitch socks you- let 'im have it:**
Don't let him provoke you. But if the *** punches you, fight him back.