

“Sonata for Harp and Bicycle” by Joan Aiken
Vocabulary Builder

Word List

encroaching furtive menacing preposterous reciprocate tantalizingly

A. DIRECTIONS: Write the letter of the word that is the best synonym for the numbered word.

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| _____ | 1. furtive | |
| | A. quiet | C. sneaky |
| | B. stolen | D. honest |
| _____ | 2. reciprocate | |
| | A. refuse | C. respond |
| | B. return | D. renew |
| _____ | 3. tantalizingly | |
| | A. with great care | C. in an angry way |
| | B. with a lot of noise | D. in a teasing way |
| _____ | 4. menacing | |
| | A. hoping | C. threatening |
| | B. challenging | D. regretting |
| _____ | 5. preposterous | |
| | A. ridiculous | C. pretentious |
| | B. resentful | D. angry |
| _____ | 6. encroaching | |
| | A. despairing | C. retreating |
| | B. intruding | D. considering |

B. WORD STUDY The suffix *-ate* means “to become or form.” Write sentences using a word formed with the suffix *-ate*. Choose from among these words: *incorporate*, *activate*, *captivate*.

1. Use the word *captivate* to describe how you might react to a colorful sunset.

2. Use the word *incorporate* to tell what you might do with information you gathered for a report.

3. Use the word *activate* to describe what might happen if you pushed a mysterious button.
