Song of the Trees Word Detective

First read the sentence and try to figure out the meaning in context. Then use your thesaurus to find the meaning and synonyms.

1. **Pudgy**: Christopher John was short, **pudgy**, and a year younger than me.

Your guess __________________________________________________________

Synonyms/meaning ______________________________________________________

Part of Speech ______

2. **Ambled**: "After breakfast when the sun was streaking red across the sky, my brothers and I **ambled** into the coolness of the forest leading our three cows and their calves down the narrow cow path to the pond."

Your guess __________________________________________________________

Synonyms/meaning ______________________________________________________

Part of speech ________

3. **Indignantly**: Stacy suddenly studied the trees then pushed us down! "My clothes," Little Man wailed **indignantly**!

Your guess __________________________________________________________

Synonyms/meaning ______________________________________________________

Part of Speech ______

4. **Haughtily**: "How many will you cut down?" Mama asked Mr. Anderson looked **haughtily** at Mama. I said I’d be the judge of that Marry!

Your guess __________________________________________________________

Synonyms/meaning ______________________________________________________

Part of Speech ________

5. **Curtly**: "Mr. Walker clutched the arms of the rocker. His knuckles chalk-white. "You certainly ain’t taught none of your youngin’s how to behave, Caroline he said **curtly”**

Your guess __________________________________________________________

Synonyms/meaning ______________________________________________________

Part of Speech ______

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*Note: This is an educational activity designed to help students understand parts of speech and context.*
6. **Haggle**: "I've offered you a good price for them and I ain't gonna **haggle** over it."

Your guess ____________________________________________________

Synonyms/meaning ____________________________________________________

Part of Speech _________

7. **Menacing/menace**: Caroline he said **menacingly**! You are the head of the family and you have to make a choice

Your guess ____________________________________________________

Synonyms/meaning ____________________________________________________

Part of Speech _________

8. **Venomously**: "He hesitated a moment, then hissed venomously, "And if something should happen to David...." (Cassie's father)

Your guess ____________________________________________________

Synonyms/meaning ____________________________________________________

Part of Speech _________

9) **Elude**: "But Christopher-John, furious at seeing Little Man handled so roughly by Mr. Anderson, managed to **elude** the clutches of the lumbermen until he was fully upon Mr. Andersen."

Your guess ____________________________________________________

Synonyms/meaning ____________________________________________________

Part of Speech _________

10. **Incredulously**: "But you can't sell all these logs, David," Mr. Andersen exclaimed **incredulously**.

Your guess ____________________________________________________

Synonyms/meaning ____________________________________________________

Part of Speech _________

11. **Meddlesome** "They been right **meddlesome**. Mr. Anderson said. They need teachin' how to act!"

Your guess ____________________________________________________

Synonyms/meaning ____________________________________________________

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   Your guess __________________________________________________
   Synonyms/meaning **Chubby, tubby, plump, chunky, a little fat**

   Part of Speech **Adjective**

2. **Ambled:** "After breakfast when the sun was streaking red across the sky, my brothers and I **ambled** into the coolness of the forest leading our three cows and their calves down the narrow cow path to the pond."

   Your guess __________________________________________________
   Synonyms/meaning **Stroll, saunter, mosey, wander, walk casually**

   Part of Speech **Verb**

3. **Indignantly:** Stacy suddenly studied the trees then pushed us down! “My clothes,” Little Man wailed **indignantly**!

   Your guess __________________________________________________
   Synonyms/meaning **Angrily, resentfully, in annoyance, insulted**

   Part of Speech **Adverb**

4. **Haughtily:** "How many will you cut down?“ Mama asked
   Mr. Anderson looked **haughtily** at Mama. I said I’d be the judge of that Marry!

   Your guess __________________________________________________
   Synonyms/meaning **Arrogantly, proudly, conceitedly, smugly, pompously**

   Part of Speech **Adverb**

5. **Curtly:** “Mr. Walker clutched the arms of the rocker. His knuckles chalk-white. “You certainly ain’t taught none of your youngin’s how to behave, Caroline he said **curtly**!”

   Your guess __________________________________________________
   Synonyms/meaning **Curtly, abruptly, brusquely, rudely, tersely**

   Part of Speech **Adverb**
6. **Haggle**: "I’ve offered you a good price for them and I ain’t gonna **haggle** over it."

Your guess __________________________________________________

Synonyms/meaning **Bargain, barter, negotiate, quibble, wrangle**

Part of Speech Verb

7. **Menacingly/menace**: Caroline he said **menacingly**! You are the head of the family and you have to make a choice

Your guess __________________________________________________

Synonyms/meaning **Threateningly, warningly, in an intimidating manner**

Part of Speech Adverb

8. **Venomously**: "He hesitated a moment, then hissed **venomously**, "And if something should happen to David..." (Cassie’s father)

Your guess __________________________________________________

Synonyms/meaning **Spitefully, maliciously, hatefully, malevolently, bitterly**

Part of Speech Adverb

9) **Elude**: "But Christopher-John, furious at seeing Little Man handled so roughly by Mr. Anderson, managed to **elude** the clutches of the lumbermen until he was fully upon Mr. Andersen."

Your guess __________________________________________________

Synonyms/meaning **Escape, evade, avoid, dodge, and get away from**

Part of Speech Adverb

10. **Incredulously**: "But you can’t sell all these logs, David," Mr. Andersen exclaimed **incredulously**.

Your guess __________________________________________________

Synonyms/meaning **disbelievingly, suspiciously, in amazement, doubtfully, dubiously**

Part of Speech Adverb

11. **Meddlesome** "They been right **meddlesome**. Mr. Anderson said. They need teachin’ how to act!”
Your guess **Interfering, intrusive, nosy, prying, snooping**
Synonyms/meaning ____________________________________________
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Part of Speech ________