

WORDS TO OWN

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Mary Rowlandson

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Synonyms and Context Clues

Each item below contains italicized words that are synonyms for your Words to Own. By using context clues from the sentence, determine the meaning of the italicized word and write its synonym from the Words to Own list in the blank provided. After you have determined the synonym, underline any words in the sentence that provided clues to the italicized word's meaning.

EXAMPLE: Although she once would have hesitated to eat bear meat, Rowlandson now found the taste of it very *appealing*. _____ pleasant

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| wearisome | lamentable | plunder | decrepit | affliction |
| tedious | entreated | melancholy | savory | bewitching |

- From the *spoils* taken by her captors at the battle at Medfield, Mary Rowlandson received a Bible. _____
- With no food and little water, the conditions in the tribe's encampment were *deplorable*.

- After being comforted by the scriptures of the Bible, Rowlandson was no longer *despondent*.

- Over time, the knife Rowlandson received became *worn out* through use.

- The long day's march was a *draining* experience for both mother and child.

- She refused the tobacco offered her by King Philip because, although she believed it was a *captivating* drug, she also thought it was a wasteful pleasure. _____
- Rowlandson spent an *exhausting* day on horseback as she and her captors traveled from dawn to dusk. _____
- Rowlandson met with one *misfortune* after another, and she eventually wept openly and unashamedly. _____
- Rowlandson *begged* the Lord for some sign that would give her hope for relief from her suffering. _____
- Food that she would not have considered eating before her captivity now seemed *delicious*.
