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# Vocabulary Study

## Section 4: *Ruby's Story – Hunger*

### Match Up

Match the words in the left column to their definitions in the right column.

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| mesmerized • | • covered or hidden  |
| hoarse •     | • able to put up with something                                |
| shrouded •   | • rough and harsh sounding                                     |
| tolerant •   | • to make louder   |
| amplify •    | • to be so fascinated you don't pay attention to anything else |
| foraging •   | • searching for something                                      |

### Fill in the Blank

Complete each sentence by filling in the blanks with the provided vocabulary.

mesmerized    foraging    hoarse    amplify    shrouded    tolerant

1. You must be \_\_\_\_\_ of rainy days if you want to live in this part of the country.
2. We drove slowly because the road was \_\_\_\_\_ in fog.
3. I plugged in a set of speakers to \_\_\_\_\_ the music coming from my MP3 player.
4. Jacob's voice went \_\_\_\_\_ after cheering at the basketball game.
5. My pigs spend their days in the woods, \_\_\_\_\_ for mushrooms.
6. She was \_\_\_\_\_ by the spinning of the beautiful merry-go-round.

**A Little Extra!**

In "Ruby's Story", Stella uses the scientific term "homo sapiens".  
What is a homo sapien?

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# Understanding the Story

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### Multiple Choice

1. What was Ivan's twin sister's name?

- (a) Ivana.
- (b) Banana.
- (c) Big girl.
- (d) Tag.

2. Who dies in "Knowing"?

- (a) George.
- (b) Stella.
- (c) Bob.
- (d) Mac.

### Short Answer

3. What does Stella make Ivan promise to do in "The Promise"?

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### Long Answer

4. During this section, Ruby is conflicted about her feelings towards humans. Why does she feel this way?

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**A Little  
Extra!**

Have you ever visited a place with wild animals, like a zoo or circus?  
Describe your experience.

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