

“Kungry,”
from *Black Boy* by Richard Wright
vocabulary

1. steal (v) [stole] – sneak; move unseen
2. gaunt (adj) [gauntly] – thin; bony
3. grim (adj) – gloomy; depressing
4. hostile (adj) – unfriendly; aggressive
5. baffle (v) [baffled] – confuse
6. insistent (adj) – constant; relentless
7. clamor – [noun]: noise; uproar. [verb]: shout
8. nudge (v) (nudging) – push; shove; bump
9. dispirited (adj) – discouraged; downhearted; depressed
10. despair (n) – hopelessness; anguish
11. solemn (adj) [solemnly (adv)] – serious; formal
12. vague (adj) – unclear; blurry
13. dread (n) – fear
14. brisk (adj) [briskly (adv)] – fast
15. fling (v) [flung] – throw
16. clutch (v) [clutched] – hang on to; hold tightly
17. scarcely (adv) – barely
18. utter (adj) – complete; absolute
19. retaliate (v) – hit back; react
20. poised (adj) – ready; prepared
21. poise (n) – self-confidence; dignity