

Jacob was spending two weeks of his summer vacation at his great aunt's house. His Aunt Emery lived in a farm house that was over 100 years old! Even though the house was really old, it didn't look shabby at all. Jacob's aunt took pride in keeping her house looking new and tidy.

One afternoon Jacob was bored and decided he would explore the house from top to bottom. He decided to start in the basement. Jacob got a flashlight and descended the stairs to the dark basement below the kitchen. He felt a little bit scared, but was relieved once he found the light switch.

The basement was covered with many interesting boxes, crates, and trunks. Even with all of the containers, the basement still looked tidy like the rest of Aunt Emery's house. The boxes were stacked in a neat pile and labeled.

As Jacob looked around, one of the containers caught his eye. It was a small, old trunk with an interesting design on the top. As he opened the small lid, Jacob saw something shiny. The box was full of precious gems! *They must be worth a fortune!* thought Jacob.

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What is the meaning of shabby?

- A. worn down
- B. new
- C. neat
- D. out of order

What is the meaning of descended?

- A. go up
- B. go down
- C. followed
- D. climbed

What is the meaning of tidy?

- A. messy
- B. crowded
- C. jumbled
- D. organized

What is the meaning of precious?

- A. old
- B. usual
- C. valuable
- D. glowing