

The Phantom Tollbooth Vocabulary Matchup

doldrums	•	•	morally wrong
wail	•	•	bread that is shaped and baked in one whole piece
lethargic	•	•	a high-pitched cry of grief, pain or anger
ordinance	•	•	an authoritative order
unlawful	•	•	checkered or tartan cloth
unethical	•	•	form a theory about a subject without evidence
surmise	•	•	the middle of the morning; around 10 – 11am
presume	•	•	taking turns one after the other
speculate	•	•	stay in a place for longer than necessary; slow to disappear
indignantly	•	•	stay or remain somewhere
plaid	•	•	showing anger or annoyance at something unfair
cling	•	•	sit or stand in a relaxed or lazy way
permit	•	•	illegal; not permitted by the laws or rules
alternate	•	•	officially allow [someone] to do something
violator	•	•	a state of stagnation or depression
harshly	•	•	suppose that something is true without proof
midmorning	•	•	stand around without purpose
dawdle	•	•	hold tightly to
bide	•	•	waste time; be slow
linger	•	•	expect or assume
loiter	•	•	in a cruel or severe manner
loaf	•	•	someone who breaks the rules
lounge	•	•	laziness or lack of energy