The Grapes of Wrath
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People in the story
1  Tom
2  Casy
3  Ruthie
4  Casy
5  Grampa
6  Ma
7  Connie
8  Pa
9  Rosasharn
10  Grampa
11  Ma
12  Tom
13  Al
14  Granma
15  Al
16  Ma

Background information
1  America
2  Depression
3  California
4  cotton
5  Mexicans
6  California
7  in debt
8  scared
9  the Californian farmers destroyed their harvest
10  Civil War

Vocabulary: people
1  stranger
2  troublemaker
3  migrant
4  tenant
5  thief
6  chairman/chairwoman
Vocabulary: synonyms in context

1. b
2. a
3. b
4. b
5. d
6. a
7. b
8. b
9. c
10. c

Vocabulary: verbs and nouns

a
1. mind your own business
2. fry bacon
3. light a lantern
4. make a living
5. clap your hands
6. pour coffee
7. take the blame
8. do the dishes

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Sentence transformations: *so... that...*

1. Rosasharn was so weak that she could not stand up.
2. The truck was so heavy that it could not go up hills.
3. The Joads were so poor that they had to eat corn mush.
4. There were so many migrants travelling west that they could not all find work.
5. Ma was so strong and positive that she managed to keep the family together.
6. There were so few jobs in California that the Californian farmers could pay low wages and still find workers.
7. Wages were so low that the workers could not live on them/these wages.
8. The water was rising so high in the boxcar that Ma and Rosasharn had to leave.

Phrasal verbs

1. Ma said that Tom would never give up.
2. Ma did not want the family to break up.
3. At the government camp, the Joads had to fill in forms when they arrived.
4. The men went on digging until they had built up the bank by the river.
5. Women, like Ma, were taking over the family.
6. The Californians did not want the Okies to settle down on their land.
7. Tom put his foot out and tripped the deputy sheriff up/tripped up the deputy sheriff.
8. Tom and Casy caught the others up after staying behind to fix the truck.