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CONCEPT VOCABULARY AND WORD STUDY

The Story of an Hour

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WORD LIST

persistence	imploring	importunities
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A. DIRECTIONS: In each of the following items, think about the meaning of the italicized word or phrase, and then answer the question.

1. When Brett finally makes the varsity football team, the coach says, "I'm rewarding not only your talent, but also your *persistence*." What might the coach mean by this?

2. If a dog is under the table, *imploring* for a piece of your delicious cheeseburger, what kinds of things is your dog doing? How do you know?

3. If Taylor's repeated *importunities* finally made Lisa go on a date with him, what was he probably doing? How do you know?

B. WORD STUDY: Denotation refers to the literal meaning of a word. Connotation refers to the feelings associates with a word. For example, while the words *pretty* and *beautiful* both literally mean "attractive", *beautiful* suggests that something is more intensely attractive than *pretty*. In the following sentences, select the italicized word that possesses a more intense connotation.

1. The people in the streets covered their ears as the (*loud/thundering*) band marched by.
2. The tornado (*damaged/annihilated*) our next door neighbor's house.
3. I was (*angry/furious*) when I opened the refrigerator and realized someone had eaten my piece of cake.
4. The (*old/antique*) map was barely held together with a few pieces of yellowed tape.