Chapter 8 Vocabulary Questions

1. What does 'embedded' most likely mean in 'a stone slab embedded in the floor'?

a) Resting loosely

b) Floating above

c) Firmly set into

d) Balancing on top

2. What does 'spiraling' mean in 'a staircase spiraling downward'?

a) Moving in circles

b) Falling straight

c) Moving backward

d) Lifting up

3. What does 'ominously' mean in 'their footsteps echoed ominously'?

a) Happily

b) Sadly

c) In a threatening or scary way

d) Quickly

4. What does 'discarded' most likely mean in 'a small pile of discarded papers'?

a) Important

b) Carefully folded

c) Thrown away

d) Secretly hidden

5. What does 'grate' mean in 'a small grate at the base of the wall'?

a) A type of chair

b) A metal cover with holes

c) A box

d) A lever

6. What does 'narrow' most likely mean in 'a narrow tunnel'?

a) Very wide

b) Long and deep

c) Small in width

d) Bright and open

7. What does 'crumbled' mean in 'loose stones crumbled beneath her hands'?

a) Grew stronger

b) Fell apart

c) Rolled away

d) Froze

8. What does 'tripped' mean in 'Emma nearly tripped'?

a) Jumped

b) Skipped

c) Stumbled or lost her balance

d) Crawled

9. What does 'shimmered' mean in 'walls glittered with mineral deposits that shimmered'?

a) Reflected light softly

b) Turned black

c) Cracked loudly

d) Shifted shape

10. What does 'vault' most likely mean in 'this must be it—the vault'?

a) A swimming pool

b) A storage room for valuables

c) A staircase

d) A secret person

Chapter 8 Answer Key

1. c

2. a

3. c

4. c

5. b

6. c

7. b

8. c

9. a

10. b