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Read the following texts and check the underlined words in your dictionary

Text 1: WILLIAM FAULKNER; WAS. From: GO DOWN, MOSES AND OTHER STORIES

Then Mr. Hubert entered and went to the table and set the candle down and laid a deck of cards by it. 'One hand,' he said. 'Draw. You shuffle, I gut, this boy deals. Five hundred dollars against Sibbey! And we'll settle this nigger business once and for all, too. If you win, you buy Tennie; if I win, I buy that boy of yours. The price will be the same for each one: three hundred dollars.'

'Win?' Uncle Buck said. 'The one that wins buys the niggers?'

'Wins Sibbey, dann it!' Mr. Hubert said. 'Wins Sibbey! What the hell else are we setting up till midnight arguing about? The lowest hand wins Sibbey and buys the niggers.°

'All right,' Uncle Buck said. buy the dann girl then and we'll call the rest of this foolishness off.'

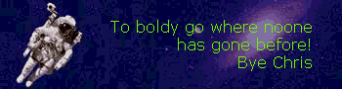

Text 2: KATHERINE MANSFIELD; LIFE OF MA PARKER FROM: THE GARDEN PARTY AND OTHER STORIES

The old woman sprang up, seized the fron kettle off the gas stove and took it over to the sink. The noise of the water drumming in the kettle deadened her pain, it seemed. She filled the pail, too, and the washing-up bowl.

It would take a whole book to describe the state of that kitchen. During the week the literary gentleman "did" for himself. That is to say, he emptied the tea-leaves now and•again into a jam jar set aside for that purpose, and if he ran out of clean forks he wiped over one or two on the roller towel. Otherwise, as he explained to his friends, his "system" was quite simple, and he couldn't understand why people made all this fuss about housekeeping.

"You simply dirty everything you've got, get a hag in once a week to clean up, and the thing's done."

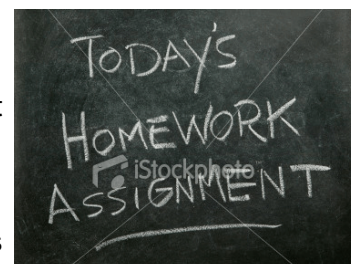
The result looked like a gigantic dustbin. Even the floor was littered with toast crusts, envelopes, cigarette ends. But Ma Parker bore him to grudge. She pitied the poor young gentleman for having no one to look after him. Out of the smudgy little window you could see an immense expanse of sad-looking sky, and whenever there were clouds they looked very worn, old clouds, frayed at the

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edges, with holes in them, or dark stains like tea.

Text 3: How to get along with a limited vocabulary

No greater comfort for the learner of English can be imagined than that in conspicuous bit magic verb "to get."



When it *gets cold* in New York, you might say, and the weather gets on his nerves the German visitor can *get a ticket* to , Florida and, after getting a message a friend in Miami that he should *get him* to the the airport, can get on a plane. If his friend *gets over his surgery* and doesn't *get impatient* at delay of the plane, he will *get hold of* he German guest at the airport gate. He will,. of course, know what *has got to be done*, will *get a cab* and teil the driver to get going. They'll soon *get to the hotel*, *get registered*, *get a quick meal* and perhaps *get into their bathing suits* and *get into the water*. It wori't take the visitor long *to get used to* the Florida climate, even if it *gets hin down* a bit at first. It is clear that a modest pocket dictionary will enable the German not only *to get by* but *to get along* famously for a week or two on the nearly inexhaustible resources of that little verb "to get."