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## Vocabulary *The Toothpaste Millionaire* (2006) By Jean Merrill

### Chapter 1 – My Friend Rufus pp. 1-6

- millionaire (1) – a person with a million dollars or more
- conservatory (2) – greenhouse
- camshafts (3) – part of an engine (a combustion engine with pistons)
- saddlebags (5) – bag, satchel, pouch, knapsack
- nylon (5) – type of material/fabric

### Chapter 2 – Two Notes from Rufus pp. 7-12

- yard (7) – three feet (measurement)
- snickering (8) – laugh at, chuckle, giggle, smirk
- blouse (10) – women’s shirt

### Chapter 3 – Toothpaste and Eye Shadow pp. 13-17

- smidge (15) – small amount, crumb, speck

### Chapter 4 – Peppermint, Clove, Vanilla, Curry, or Almond? pp. 18-21

- curry (20) – spicy food seasoning
- inspiration (21) – incentive, influence, motivation

### Chapter 5 – Another Nice Thing About Rufus pp. 22-24

- cubic (23) – square (measurement)

### Chapter 6 – Another Math Problem – pp. 25-27

- population (25) – inhabitants in a place, community
- census (25) – count of the people, poll
- multiply (26) – increase, expand

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- inventor (27) – discoverer, creator, designer, maker
- profit (27) – net gain (earnings, income)

## **Chapter 7 – The Joe Smiley Show – pp. 28-34**

- sterilized (28) – completely clean
- exaggerates (32) – overstate, embellish, inflate the truth
- sensational (33) – startling, amazing, thrilling
- personality (33) – a person’s character traits, disposition

## **Chapter 8 – In Which I Become a Stockholder – pp. 35-40**

- factory (37) – manufacturing plant, shop, workshop, where products are made
- production line (37) – assembly line
- stock (38) - investment in a company, part, share
- stockholder (38) – investor
- certificates (38) – official document, guarantee
- etcetera (39) – supplementary items
- outvote (40) – override, overrule
- principles (40) – laws, rules for behavior

## **Chapter 9 – With a Little Help from My Brother James – pp. 41-46**

- retail (43) – to sell
- manufacturer (43) – build, produce, assemble, create
- auction (44) – competitive sale, sale by bid
- bankruptcy (44) – inability to pay debt, money failure
- antique (45) – an old object, often of great value
- miscellaneous (45) – assorted, various
- pharmaceutical (45) - medicine
- adhesives (46) – binding, sticks together, paste
- dentifrices (46) - toothpaste

## **Chapter 10 – A Gross Mistake – pp. 47-54**

- apt (48) – likely

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- grommet (48) – small metal ring for machine parts
- bid (50) – offering of money or service, offer
- economize (52) – save money, conserve money

## **Chapter 11 – 7,200 Toothpaste Tubes – p. 55-57**

- dozen (56) - twelve
- soot (61) – dirt, grime
- wrench (61) – a tool for gripping, turning, twisting
- unemployed (63) – without a job
- mechanic (63) – repairman

## **Chapter 12 – The Toothpaste Machine – p. 58-63**

- conveyor (64) – moving in an assembly line, carrying
- chamber (64) – small compartment

## **Chapter 13 – Hector and the Happy Lips Plant – pp. 64-70**

- gear (64) – toothed part of a wheel, piece of equipment
- polishing (65) – cleaning to a shine
- discriminate (69) – show prejudice, segregate

## **Chapter 14 – The Trouble with Adults – pp. 71-78**

- lanolin (71) – make-up cream, lotion
- stickup (72) – robbery, burglary, crime

## **Chapter 15 – An Exception to the Rule About Adults – pp. 79-83**

- heaved (79) – throw, hurl, sling
- exceptions (79) – special case, irregularity
- responsible (80) – capable, trustworthy, reliable
- invest (81) – contribute money
- stockholder (81) – investor, lender
- manager (83) – person in charge of a group of people

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- salary (83) – money paid for regular work

## **Chapter 16 – Toothpaste 1 – pp. 84-88**

- sensible (85) – realistic, reasonable, logical
- ton (86) – large amount

## **Chapter 17 – The Absolutely Honest Commercial – pp. 89-96**

- cockroaches (89) - insect
- tactful (90) – thoughtful, careful, polite
- photogenic (91) - attractive in photos
- jazzy (91) - fancy
- weary (94) – tired, overworked
- executives (94) - person in charge of an organization, boss, leader
- sophisticated (94) – mature, cultured, refined, worldly
- clever (94) – bright, smart
- provoke (95) – make angry, aggravate

## **Chapter 18 – The Toothpaste War – pp. 97-100**

- folded (98) – fall, close, collapse
- telegram (100) – message sent by coded radio signals
- representatives (100) – person(s) who acts for another

## **Chapter 19 – A Movie Script by Mac Kinstrey – pp. 101-108**

- ritzy (102) – elegant, luxurious, fancy
- trustworthy (103) – reliable, responsible, dependable
- sinister (103) - evil
- conspiracy (106) – working together on a plan, scheme, plotting
- wiretapping (106) – spying, eavesdropping, listening in
- bail (107) – money given to temporarily release an accused person

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## **Chapter 20 – The Blowup – pp. 109-114**

- plant (109) – factory building
- grudge (109) – hard feelings, hatred
- fraud (111) – person who is false, trickery, scam
- accused (111) - blamed
- bogus (111) – fake, false, counterfeit, phony
- accountant (112) – person who manages money

## **Chapter 21 – The Board of Directors – pp. 115-116**

- income tax (116) – money paid to the government
- complicated (116) – difficult, complex, hard

## **Chapter 22 – Rufus Retires – pp. 117-119**

- retire (117) – leave a place, depart, finish working