Vocabulary - A Raisin in the Sun

Part I: 10 points Below are sentences in which vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the bold words mean.

1. It’s furnishings are typical and undistinguished.

2. The boy gives her an exasperated look for her lack of understanding and eats grudgingly.

3. Travis jabs his spoon into his cereal bowl viciously...

4. ..the mood has changed and he is vindicated, he does not, however move toward her

5. This ain’t no fly-by-night- proposition, baby. I mean we figured it out.

6. She closes the door with a sleepy vengeance and crosses to the table and sits down a little defeated.

7. She waits several seconds, trying to make up her mind about something, and looks at Ruth a little tentatively.

8. Studying her mother-in-law furtively and concentrating on her ironing...

9. Dropping her hands in a futile gesture.

10. Everybody thinks it’s all right for Mama to be a tyrant.

Part II: 10 points

Determining the Meaning -- Match the vocabulary words to their definitions.

1. undistinguished A. suggested plan
2. exasperated B. with violence or fury
3. viciously C. stealthily; expressive of hidden motives
4. vindicated D. useless
5. proposition E. common; nothing special
6. vengeance F. irritated; provoked; irked
7. tentatively G. ruler who exercises power in a harsh, cruel manner
8. furtively H. violently; maliciously
9. futile I. cleared of accusation; blame, suspicion or doubt
10. tyrant J. uncertainly

Part III: 20 points Now, create a story in which you use all ten of these words