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1. Noun _____
2. Noun _____
3. Noun _____
4. Verb - Present Tense _____
5. Number _____
6. Number _____
7. Proper Noun _____

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"So you're all set for _____Noun_____, then?" the _____Noun_____ named Crow asks in his typical sluggish voice.

The kind of _____Noun_____ like when you've just woken up and your mouth still feels heavy and dull. But he's

just _____Verb - Present Tense_____. He's totally awake. As always.

I nod. "How much?" I review the numbers in my head. "Close to _____Number_____ _____Number_____ in cash, plus

some

money I can get from an ATM. I know it's not a lot, but it should be enough. For the time being."

"Not bad," the boy _____Proper Noun_____ Crow says. "For the time being." I give him another nod. "I'm guessing

this isn't Christmas money from Santa Claus." "Yeah, you're right," I reply.

Crow smirks and looks around. "I imagine you've started by rifling drawers, am I right?"

I don't say anything. He knows whose money we're talking about, so there's no need for any long-winded

interrogations. He's just giving me a hard time.

"No matter," Crow says. "You really need this money and you're going to get it-- beg, borrow, or steal. It's your

father's money, so who cares, right? Get your hands on that much and you should be able to make it. For the time

being. But what's the plan after it's all gone? Money isn't like mushrooms in a forest--it doesn't just pop up on its

own, you know. You'll need to eat, a place to sleep. One day you're going to run out."

"I'll think about that when the time comes," I say. "When the time comes," Crow repeats, as if weighing these

words in his hand. I nod. "Like by getting a job or something?" "Maybe," I say. Crow shakes his head. "You

know, you've got a lot to learn about the world.

Listen--what

kind of job could a fifteen-year-old kid get in some far-off place he's never been to before? You haven't even finished junior high. Who do you think's going to hire you?"

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