“The Landlady”

A. Match words and definitions. Write the letter of the correct definition next to each word.

1. facades  __ a. come forth
2. tantalizing  __ b. fronts of buildings
3. emanate  __ c. person hired to carry luggage
4. porter  __ d. agreeable; pleasant
5. congenial  __ e. teasing by remaining unavailable; tempting

B. Choose two words from above. Use each word in a sentence.

1. ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________

2. ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________

C. Answer each question below.

1. What does Billy first think of the landlady?
   ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________

2. Name one clue that suggests something strange was going on here.
   ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________

3. What does it mean that Billy’s tea “tasted faintly of bitter almonds”?
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4. Billy remembers reading about Mr. Temple and Mr. Mulholland in the newspaper. What do you think the headlines might have said?
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   ___ 1. swanky          a. greedy
   ___ 2. compelling       b. forcing one to do something
   ___ 3. rapacious         c. expensive and showy
   ___ 4. peculiar          d. room or rooms rented in another’s house
   ___ 5. briskly           e. quickly
   ___ 6. decent            f. having a strong, often unpleasant taste
   ___ 7. lodgings          g. strange
   ___ 8. bitter            h. fairly good; satisfactory
   ___ 9. congenial         i. agreeable; pleasant

B. Complete each sentence with a word from the list above.

1. Billy was on his way to find ________________ in a cheap hotel.

2. He had no money for an expensive, ________________ place to live.

3. Billy walked ________________ and energetically down a street lined with big houses.

4. One somewhat run-down house looked like a pretty ________________ place to live.

5. Would the landlady be ________________ and charge too much for a small room?

6. Perhaps a pub would be more pleasant and ________________ than a boardinghouse.

7. Billy felt a strong and ________________ urge to enter this house.

8. Billy noticed a ________________ smell that reminded him of something strange.

9. Do you think that poison has a ________________ taste?