

Reading Activity 4
Street Child: Chapter 10

"Don't you dare move from that spot." She put her glasses on the end of her nose and glared at Jim as he squirmed in the chair. The heat from the kitchen made him drowsy. He slid his hand in his pocket and felt for the last bit of the cheese. It had gone and he knew that the boy sweeping the road had pinched it. He tipped the last few breadcrumbs into the palm of one hand. Without saying anything, the woman put down her sewing and ladled some stew from the big pot on the hearth. She pushed the bowlful in front of him and winked without smiling and Jim did his best to wink back. He ate in silence and she sewed in silence frowning at her needle as she rethreaded it, glancing over at Jim.

What does the word 'glared' mean? _____

What is a hearth? _____

How was Jim feeling when she pushed the bowl of stew towards him? Explain your answer. _____

Why do you think she frowning at her needle? _____

Write 3 synonyms for silence

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____