The Secret Life of Bees
Vocabulary 1

1. blaspheme  v. to swear impiously; to insult religion
2. consternation  n. a feeling of alarm, confusion, or dismay, often caused by something unexpected
3. cowlick  n. a tuft of hair growing in a different direction from the rest of the hair on one’s head and usually sticking up
4. kudzu  n. a hardy vine that has compound leaves and purplish flowers, and roots that contain a nourishing starch used medicinally. Invasive weed in the South
5. lattice  n. an interwoven open mesh frame made by crisscrossing strips of wood, metal, or plastic to form a pattern
6. oblivious  adj. unaware of or paying no attention to somebody or something
7. organdy  n. a lightweight see-through cotton fabric, often stiffened. Used in dressmaking
8. parsonage  n. the house, usually provided by the parish or congregation, where a minister lives
9. pomade  n. a perfumed oil or ointment used to make hair look smooth and shiny
10. ponder  v. to think about something carefully over a period of time
11. presumptuous  adj. inconsiderate, disrespectful, overconfident
12. sprig  n. a shoot, stem, or twig cut or broken from a plant
13. trough  n. a long, low narrow open container that holds feed or water for animals