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The Monsters Are Due on Maple Street

Directions: Read each sentence below...using context clues, decide what you think the italicized word might mean.

1. Most of the residents of Maple Street reacted to fear in similar ways, with only small *variations*.

2. The danger on Maple Street was not *explicit*, or understandable, making it more frightening.

3. The crowd began *converging* around Tommy in order to hear him speak.

4. The residents of Maple Street believed there was a real *menace* to their safety.

5. All people have at least one *idiosyncrasy* that makes them a little different.

6. Those who speak out against the opinions of an angry crowd must be both *defiant* and courageous.

7. The angry crowd *intimidated* the Goodmans, who then began to defend themselves.

8. Steve's common sense gained the crowd's *assent* and goodwill.

9. The residents muttered nothing *intelligible*; they just make an indistinct rumble.

10. Up and down the street, people stood *transfixed*, staring at the sky.
