

## **Hundred Penny Box**

**impatiently** — in a way that shows an unwillingness to wait

**puny** — small or unimportant, weak

**precious** — of high price or value

**stubborn** — not willing to change in spite of requests by others

**decent** — fairly good, adequate

**irritable** — easily annoyed or bothered

**desperate** — in a critical or hopeless situation, ready to do anything

**britches** — pants

**Reconstruction** — 1867-1877, after the Civil War during the rebuilding of the southern states.

**Depression** — 1930s, when there was widespread unemployment, falling wages and prices

**pneumonia** — a serious lung disease

**furnace** — an enclosed chamber for burning fuel to produce heat

**mahogany** — a tree with dark, heavy wood

**perspiration** — sweat

**wispy** — having thin, filmy strands

**cottonmouth** — poisonous snake, also called water moccasin

