**The Mysterious Package**

Maya wandered through the charming streets, her eyes sparkling as she peeked into every vibrant **boutique** (1). Each shop window displayed a unique collection of clothes and trinkets. Suddenly, her gaze fell upon a peculiar object in a dusty antique shop (2). It was a small, intricately carved box.

Intrigued (10), Maya entered the shop and requested a closer look. The kindly shopkeeper handed her a thick, leather-bound **catalogue** (3) filled with descriptions of various antiques. But the writing was very small and faded, making the details quite **vague** (4).

Exhausted (5) from her day of exploration, Maya decided to purchase the box anyway. Later that evening, she examined it closely. The carvings were unlike anything she'd seen before, some even bordering on **grotesque** (6) with their twisted shapes and bulging eyes.

Carefully, she pried open the lid. Inside, nestled on a bed of velvet, lay a single, smooth object. It was white and light as a feather, resembling a giant human **tongue** (7). Made of sugar, it was a delicate **meringue** (8), a forgotten treat from a bygone era.

Disappointment washed over Maya. The box held no hidden treasure, just a fancy old candy. But then, she noticed something peculiar. A tiny scroll lay hidden beneath the meringue. As she unfurled it, a look of excitement lit up her face. The scroll contained a secret **dialogue** (9) between two people, hinting at a hidden map and a lost pirate's **rogue** (11) treasure!

**Read the passage and answer the following questions:**

1. Maya looked into many shops. What kind of shops are boutiques (1)?

…………Boutiques are small shops…….

1. The catalogue described the antiques. What is a catalogue (3)?

…………a catalogue is a small book containing directions or known sites of a city. ………………………………….

1. The writing in the catalogue was difficult to understand. What does vague (4) mean in this context?

……………vague means something that is unclear………….

1. Why was Maya exhausted?

………She was exhausted because of her day of exploration …………….

1. Some carvings were strange and unpleasant. What is a word from the passage that means unpleasant?

………grotesque…………….

1. What is the name of the sugary treat in the passage?

…………………meringue…………………………………………….

1. The scroll contained a conversation. What is another word for dialogue (9)?

…………………………conversation …………………………………………….

1. What does the word “rogue” mean in this line
*The scroll contained a secret* ***dialogue*** *between two people, hinting at a hidden map and a lost pirate's* ***rogue*** *treasure!*

……………………rogue means something that you got by being rogue ……………………………………………….