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### **The Velveteen Rabbit** *by Margery Williams*

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| _____ 3. expensive    | C. old fashioned       |
| _____ 4. snubbed      | D. soft wood chips     |
| _____ 5. superior     | E. times of the year   |
| _____ 6. seasons      | F. soft cloth          |
| _____ 7. opportunity  | G. usually             |
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