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The Catbird Seat by James Thurber Pre-Reading Activity

Using appropriate resources, find definitions for the following terms:

1. *imprecision*: _____

2. *fallible*: _____

3. *peccadillos*: _____

4. *gibberish*: _____

5. *cornices*: _____

6. *temperate*: _____

7. *vestibule*: _____

8. *substantiate*: _____

9. *surreptitiously*: _____

10. *imprecations*: _____

* Based on the title, what do you think this story is about?

* How would you expect an employee to react if a new boss shook things up in the office?

* How would you react to a co-worker who constantly annoyed you?
