Vocabulary Skill Check

Grade 4 · Meaning from context · Try 1

Name or code _____ Date _____

Read each passage. Circle the letter that gives the best meaning in that passage.

Passage 1

The club needed to **estimate** how many cups would fit on the table. Students counted one short row and looked at the space still empty.

They used that information to make a close guess. They would count the full table later to check their guess.

1. As used in this passage, what does the word “estimate” most likely mean?

Circle ONE letter.

A make a careful guess from known facts

B describe how something looks from nearby

C choose an answer without looking at anything

D choose a number that sounds convenient

Passage 2

A nature center may **expand** a display when new objects arrive. The original display might fill only one shelf.

Workers can add shelves and use more wall space. The display then covers a larger area than before.

2. As used in this passage, what does the word “expand” most likely mean?

Circle ONE letter.

A keep exactly the same size

B divide into equal smaller parts

C make larger

D make better use of existing space

Passage 3

The class tested a paper roof on three different days. Each test used the same amount of water.

The **consistent** results showed a leak in the same corner every time. The students decided that the corner needed attention.

3. As used in this passage, what does the word “consistent” most likely mean?

Circle ONE letter.

A changing without a clear pattern

B similar across repeated checks

C happening only once by chance

D exactly right in every detail

Passage 4

The art club ran out of stands for its drawings. A student looked at the supplies already in the room. She folded spare cardboard into supports.

The **resourceful** student solved the problem with supplies already in the room. The drawings stood upright without anyone needing to buy new stands.

4. As used in this passage, what does the word “resourceful” most likely mean?

Circle ONE letter.

A good at finding ways to solve problems

B good at finishing before hearing directions

C fortunate to have every needed tool

D good at collecting the most equipment

Passage 5

A trail guide describes the **terrain** before a walk. It may mention rocky slopes, flat meadows, or sandy stretches.

Those details describe what the ground is like. They help a group choose a walk suited to its needs.

5. As used in this passage, what does the word “terrain” most likely mean?

Circle ONE letter.

A the plants growing over the land

B the distance between two towns

C the shape and surface of the land

D the number of people using a path

Passage 6

Rainwater ran down a bare patch of soil beside a model hill. The class saw **erosion** during the test.

Water carried some of the soil away from the top. The hill was smaller afterward, with loose soil collected below.

6. As used in this passage, what does the word “erosion” most likely mean?

Circle ONE letter.

A soil becoming wet without moving

B the hardening of mud as it dries

C the gathering of water in one place

D soil being worn and carried away

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