Vocabulary Skill Check

Grade 4 · Multiple meanings · Try 1

Name or code _____ Date _____

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

Passage 1

Sara built a tower from empty boxes. The bottom box was softer on one side.

Soon the tower began to **lean** toward the window. Its top moved sideways while the base stayed in place.

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

Circle ONE letter.

A depend on someone else for help

B bend or tilt to one side

C grow wider from side to side

D move forward while staying upright

Passage 2

A wildlife worker can **track** an animal without seeing it. Fresh prints lead from the muddy shore to the trees.

The worker follows the prints and notes where they turn. Bent grass gives another clue to the animal’s route.

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

Circle ONE letter.

A clear objects away from a path

B measure the time a job takes

C follow the signs an animal leaves

D check how a project is progressing

Passage 3

The small envelope lay beneath a larger folder on the art table.

Jin checked the table quickly and almost left without noticing it.

A friend warned him not to **overlook** the envelope.

He found it before carrying the rest of the supplies to the fair.

3. As used in paragraph 3, what does the word “overlook” most likely mean?

Circle ONE letter.

A look down at something from above
B miss something during a search
C watch something for a long time
D forget something already packed

Passage 4

Loose gloves can be sorted into pairs after an outing.

A blue glove may still need a partner.

A second glove with the same stripes, size, and lining belongs beside it.

That glove is a **match** for the first one.

4. As used in paragraph 4, what does the word “match” most likely mean?

Circle ONE letter.

A an item that fits another one
B a contest between two teams
C a small stick used to start a fire
D a tool for measuring the time

Passage 5

A museum sign lists several ways to care for old photographs.

It discusses shade, dry storage, and gentle handling.

Every section explains how careful storage helps a photograph last longer.

That is the sign's main **point**.

5. As used in paragraph 4, what does the word "point" most likely mean?

Circle ONE letter.

A the sharp tip at the end of a tool
B a mark earned during a game
C the main idea being shared
D a small dot showing a map location

Passage 6

Dev wanted the club to build a small reading corner. He prepared a **pitch** for the next meeting.

He explained the cost, showed a drawing, and gave reasons the corner would help visitors. Then he asked the members to support his plan.

6. As used in this passage, what does the word "pitch" most likely mean?

Circle ONE letter.

A a throw made toward a waiting batter
B the slope of a roof or hillside
C the height of a musical sound
D a speech meant to win support

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