Vocabulary Skill Check

Grade 5 · 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 class had maps for visitors arriving at three entrances. All the maps began in one box.

Some maps went to each entrance instead of staying in one box. Class volunteers chose to **distribute** the maps this way. Visitors could get a map wherever they arrived.

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

Circle ONE letter.

A arrange supplies within one box

B give materials to several different groups

C sort by appearance without moving anything

D keep for one person to use alone

Passage 2

Volunteers looked at the old park display. It had faded and lost several labels.

They repaired the frame and replaced the missing information to match the earlier display. The repairs helped **restore** it. Their goal was to bring back the useful display visitors remembered.

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

Circle ONE letter.

A move something without improving its condition

B change something into a completely different object

C improve by creating a different design

D return something to an earlier good condition

Passage 3

Fog covered the lower part of the meadow and hid the footbridge from the lookout. As the fog thinned, the bridge's shape slowly came back into view.

The footbridge had not moved or changed. It was simply beginning to **emerge**.

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

Circle ONE letter.

A change into something else

B stay completely hidden

C come into view from behind something

D move closer without becoming visible

Passage 4

Two clubs wanted the same meeting room at the same time. Their leaders met to **negotiate**.

They discussed what each club needed and agreed to use different parts of the afternoon. Both groups could then hold their activities.

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

Circle ONE letter.

A discuss needs to reach agreement

B end a discussion without choosing anything

C follow a decision without discussing it

D persuade others to accept one unchanged plan

Passage 5

The display space was smaller than the club expected. To **compensate**, members used fold-out pages that could hold extra pictures.

The pages made room for material that would not fit on the wall. Their new plan made up for the missing wall space.

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

Circle ONE letter.

A prevent a problem before it happens

B make up for a loss or difficulty

C repeat the same action that caused a problem

D explain why a problem cannot be solved

Passage 6

A club wanted a **sustainable** plan for its monthly art table. Buying all-new supplies every week would soon empty its small budget.

Using durable tools and planning how to replace used materials would let the table continue. The goal was a plan that could keep working over time.

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

Circle ONE letter.

A able to last as supplies are replaced

B able to use all supplies in a single event

C inexpensive for a single meeting

D able to work without any resources at all

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