Vocabulary Skill Check

Grade 5 · Meaning from context · Try 2

Name or code _____ Date _____

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

Passage 1

Clouds had hidden the mountain for most of the morning.

From the school window, the class watched the clouds move apart.

The mountain began to **emerge** above the remaining cloud cover.

Its upper slopes became visible where there had seemed to be only a gray sky.

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

Circle ONE letter.

A become visible after being hidden
B stay completely hidden
C move closer without becoming visible
D move farther away until unseen

Passage 2

The garden club and art club both wanted space beside the library entrance.

Their leaders set aside ten minutes to **negotiate**.

They listened to each other’s needs and agreed on a layout that gave both displays room.

A stack of blue display cards waited beside the door.

2. As used in paragraph 2, what does the word “negotiate” most likely mean?

Circle ONE letter.

A persuade others to accept one unchanged plan
B discuss needs to reach agreement
C follow a decision without discussing it
D win by refusing every other suggestion

Passage 3

The class lost some preparation time when a delivery arrived late.

The helpers wanted to **compensate** for that delay.

They divided the remaining jobs differently and finished the simple tasks while an adult unpacked the materials.

With the extra help, the class finished preparing on time despite the delay.

3. As used in paragraph 2, what does the word “compensate” most likely mean?

Circle ONE letter.

A prevent a problem before it happens
B pretend that no problem exists
C make up for a loss or problem
D explain why a problem cannot be solved

Passage 4

The first plan spent almost the entire club budget on one event.

Members wanted a more **sustainable** approach for events throughout the year.

They chose supplies that could serve many meetings and left enough money to replace materials as needed.

At the next meeting, the club wrote the plan on a sheet beside its supply cabinet.

4. As used in paragraph 2, what does the word “sustainable” most likely mean?

Circle ONE letter.

A able to produce the fastest result once
B able to keep working over the long term
C inexpensive for a single meeting
D able to work without any resources at all

Passage 5

At first, every supply kit sat in a single box at the front of the room.

The teacher asked the helpers to **distribute** the kits before the activity began.

The helpers carried one kit to each team's table so every group would have materials nearby.

Once the kits were in place, the teacher explained the project to the whole class.

5. As used in paragraph 2, what does the word "distribute" most likely mean?

Circle ONE letter.

A collect into one central place
B keep for one person to use alone
C hand out to different groups
D arrange supplies within one box

Passage 6

Photographs showed how the school's old garden display had looked before it was damaged.

The class used those pictures to **restore** the display.

They repaired the broken frame and brought back the labels and layout shown in the older photographs.

The class photographed the finished display for the school newsletter.

6. As used in paragraph 2, what does the word "restore" most likely mean?

Circle ONE letter.

A keep something exactly as it is now
B improve by creating a different design
C change something into a completely different object
D return something to its former state

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