Vocabulary Skill Check

Grade 6 · 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

A museum designed a temporary exhibition about community inventions. The planning team wanted visitors to compare an early device with an improved version without crossing the building. They considered several possible arrangements before choosing the final locations.

The two models were placed in **adjacent** cases along the same wall. A visitor could examine the first model, turn slightly, and see the second.

Other inventions were displayed in a separate room at the far end of the gallery.

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

Circle ONE letter.

A identical in purpose and appearance

B located on different floors

C separated by a long journey

D located directly beside one another

Passage 2

A class tested two coverings for an outdoor reading shelter. Students warmed small covered boxes with lamps, switched the lamps off, and measured how quickly the boxes cooled. They used the same size box for a useful comparison.

The box with the thicker covering stayed warm long after the other box had cooled. The covering held warmth inside rather than producing new warmth itself.

Students compared how well the coverings could **retain** heat. Their report linked that difference to the temperatures measured after the lamps were switched off.

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

Circle ONE letter.

A change something into a different form

B send something away immediately

C keep something from being lost

D create something that did not exist before

Passage 3

When the river club discussed its next outing, Lila suggested meeting on Saturday morning. Their plan was **tentative**.

Nobody yet knew whether the community van would be available, and the weather report would not be useful until later in the week. Lila wrote the date in pencil on the club calendar.

The members agreed to check the missing information before making a final decision. Everyone understood that Sunday or the following weekend might work better if circumstances changed before the outing.

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

Circle ONE letter.

A not yet settled and open to change

B abandoned because it cannot work

C deliberately kept secret from everyone

D certain to happen exactly as described

Passage 4

The club arrived at the fair with handmade maps, but the stand it had ordered was missing. There were only a few minutes before visitors entered the building, and borrowing a finished display from another group was not possible.

Amir proved **resourceful**. He turned two empty cartons into supports, fastened spare string between them, and clipped the maps in place.

The materials had been meant for packing, yet he found a useful new way to combine what was available instead of waiting for replacement equipment.

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

Circle ONE letter.

A careful to follow instructions without adapting them

B unwilling to change an original plan

C wealthy enough to replace every missing item

D creative in solving practical problems

Passage 5

The community workshop offered Saturday classes for young inventors. Participants could bring unfinished projects from school or begin a new design.

In her weekly journal, the instructor described one student as **resilient**.

After each failed attempt, he adjusted his plan and returned to the work with renewed energy instead of giving up. The journal also listed the tools used that morning.

At the final meeting, families visited the workshop tables. A volunteer photographed the projects for a display near the entrance of the community center.

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

Circle ONE letter.

A successful without needing to change a plan

B able to recover and continue after setbacks

C unwilling to change an unsuccessful approach

D never disappointed by a failed attempt

Passage 6

An old stage platform was being removed from the school auditorium. The maintenance crew placed a barrier around the work area before students arrived.

Splintered boards, torn fabric, and pieces of broken plaster lay scattered where the platform had been taken apart. A warning notice was attached to a yellow stand.

The drama club moved its rehearsal to the library that afternoon. Members collected their scripts at the usual meeting time before walking to their new rehearsal space. The warning identified the scattered material as **debris**.

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

Circle ONE letter.

A parts that remain firmly connected

B objects collected because they are valuable

C loose remains of something broken apart

D equipment arranged for a repair job

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