Vocabulary Skill Check

Grade 6 · 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

The art committee discussed where to hold its spring exhibition. Members gathered around a large map of the school after lunch.

They selected the entrance hall after reviewing the school map. The secretary wrote the **tentative** location at the top of the meeting notes.

The committee could still change its choice after checking other bookings.

Before leaving, the students collected their sketches from the table. Their next meeting was listed on the notice beside the art room, together with the dates of other school activities.

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

Circle ONE letter.

A certain to happen exactly as described

B deliberately kept secret from everyone

C not finally decided and open to change

D abandoned because it cannot work

Passage 2

During a theater rehearsal, a small prop door would no longer stay closed. The performance team had moved into the hall for its final practice.

Using leftover cloth and a spare hook, Eva invented a fastening that worked without buying any new equipment.

Several actors were waiting behind the curtain near the stage entrance.

The group resumed the scene from the beginning. A student near the back of the hall checked the actors' voices for the sound crew. That improvised repair had shown the director how **resourceful** Eva could be.

2. 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 wealthy enough to replace every missing item

C unwilling to change an original plan

D able to adapt available materials well

Passage 3

The school cooking club prepared a menu for a pretend harvest festival. An information card said that tomatoes were **abundant** at the River Road farm that week.

The club's task was to use the produce described on a set of farm cards. The River Road card also included a drawing of the farm's main greenhouse.

Every shelf held full baskets, with enough tomatoes for the festival and many more left for the following market.

The club posted its menu outside the cafeteria. Students from another class designed the lettering for the announcement.

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

Circle ONE letter.

A spread thinly across a wide area

B present in a very large quantity

C kept only for a special purpose

D difficult to find when needed

Passage 4

The student newspaper planned an issue about the history of its school building. Jonas volunteered to find a photograph of the original entrance.

Jonas and his partner were working at a table beside a tall window in the library. His partner called Jonas **persistent** during their afternoon meeting.

Although several searches produced nothing, he kept contacting new sources and checking old boxes until the photograph finally appeared.

The editor placed the photograph above the main article. The issue also contained sports results and a calendar of events for the following month.

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

Circle ONE letter.

A staying with a task when progress is difficult

B changing interests whenever work becomes difficult

C finishing every task without delay

D refusing to listen to useful advice

Passage 5

The library prepared a simple map for families attending its evening program. The craft room and story room would host different activities on the first floor.

Their doors stood side by side, with only a narrow section of wall separating the two entrances.

Both room names appeared in blue lettering on the printed sheet. Volunteers handed out the maps beside the main desk. The evening program began with a welcome from the head librarian before families moved to their chosen activities. The map had called those two rooms **adjacent**.

5. 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 next to each other

Passage 6

A school archive group sorted materials from a recently closed classroom. The librarian asked the group to **retain** the handwritten class newspaper.

Some items would be recycled, while others might become part of a future display. She placed a clean folder on the center table.

The newspaper would stay in the archive for future readers instead of being thrown away with the old worksheets.

The students finished sorting before the final bell. The empty classroom would be painted during the school break and prepared for a different club the following term.

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

Circle ONE letter.

A create something that did not exist before

B hold on to something for continued use

C change something into a different form

D send something away immediately

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