

# Vocabulary

Answer Numbers 1 through 10 on your Answer Sheet. Choose the best answer for each question.

- 1 What does the word *seep* mean in the sentence below?

**The water will seep through the rocks to create a natural spring.**

- A. dry
- B. flow
- C. stir
- D. throb

- 2 What does the word *evident* mean in the sentence below?

**The solution to the mystery was evident.**

- F. barely known
- G. easily understood
- H. quickly dismissed
- I. slowly recognized

- 3 What does the word *salvation* mean in the sentence below?

**The cat's salvation was assured when the firefighter pulled him from the tree.**

- A. the state of taking a nap
- B. the state of playing a game
- C. the state of being saved from harm
- D. the state of being taken on a journey

- 4 What does the word *undoubtedly* mean in the sentence below?

**The boy undoubtedly could run very fast.**

- F. certainly
- G. desperately
- H. hardly
- I. probably

- 5 What does the word *pace* mean in the sentence below?

**The elephant's pace can be very fast if it is frightened.**

- A. life
- B. mood
- C. sleep
- D. walk

- 6 What does the word *brief* mean in the sentence below?

**She said her visit would be brief, but I wished she would stay forever.**

- F. short
- G. instant
- H. drawn out
- I. immediate

- 7 What does the word *hasten* mean in the sentence below?

**Due to the predicted storm, the Sawyers will hasten their efforts to finish painting the house.**

- A. excite
- B. inspire
- C. motivate
- D. quicken

- 8 What does the word *impoliteness* mean in the sentence below?

**Mr. Radnor warned, "I will not accept any impoliteness; you must treat everyone in this room with courtesy and consideration."**

- F. anger
- G. disagreement
- H. disrespect
- I. excuse

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- 9 What does the word *stalked* mean in the sentence below?

**The cat stalked the mouse so well that the mouse was completely unaware of the cat's presence.**

- A. attacked
- B. followed
- C. noticed
- D. strolled

- 10 What does the word *dismantle* mean in the sentence below?

**In order to dismantle the tent, Sara had to find all the bags that held the parts.**

- F. ruin
- G. break
- H. destroy
- I. take apart



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# Comprehension

Answer Numbers 1 through 10 on your Answer Sheet. Base your answers on the passage “Tucket’s Travels.”

- 1 Which sentence from the passage uses adjectives to create the feeling that danger surrounds Francis, Lottie, and Billy?
- A. “Unlike Francis and Jason Grimes, the one-armed mountain man.”
  - B. “It was a decent plan—it was their only plan—and it seemed to be working.”
  - C. “The Comancheros were an outlaw band, ruthless, terrifying, inhumanely tough.”
  - D. “Francis knew that brushing out the tracks would only work in the pitch dark of night.”

- 2 Read this sentence from the passage.

**“If we don’t keep moving they’ll be on us like dogs, won’t they, Francis?”**

What is the meaning of the phrase *they’ll be on us like dogs* as used in the sentence above?

- F. They will insult us terribly.
- G. They will make a loud noise.
- H. They will attack us immediately.
- I. They will make us a part of their pack.

- 3 Read this sentence from the passage.

**Lottie would explain every little detail of every little part of every little thing she was talking about so that not a single aspect of it was missed, and she sometimes drove Francis over the edge.**

What is the meaning of the phrase *drove Francis over the edge* as used in the sentence above?

- A. put Francis in danger
- B. took Francis to a cliff
- C. asked Francis for help
- D. irritated Francis greatly

- 4 Read this sentence from the passage.

**Then Francis picked Billy up and carried him piggyback, mile after mile, then yard after yard, and finally, step after step.**

What is the effect of the author’s shift in nouns from *mile* to *yard* to *step* in the sentence above?

- F. It helps the reader understand how old Billy is.
- G. It signals that the author is about to flash back in time.
- H. It shows that the task of carrying Billy is getting harder.
- I. It provides an accurate measure of the distance Francis travels.

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- 5 Billy falls sound asleep
- A. during the storm.
  - B. while Francis carries him.
  - C. before Francis carries him.
  - D. after Francis puts him down.

- 6 Read this text from the passage.

**There hadn't been a breath of wind to blow the dust over the brush marks he'd left . . .**

What kind of language is the phrase *breath of wind* as used in the text above?

- F. adage
  - G. alliteration
  - H. personification
  - I. simile
- 7 After Francis tells Lottie to dig, Lottie
- A. sees a mirage.
  - B. digs and finds water.
  - C. digs and finds nothing.
  - D. sees the dust from the Comancheros.

- 8 What do Francis and the children do after the bolt of lightning hits close to them?
- F. They wake Billy up.
  - G. They drink lots of water.
  - H. They take cover under a ledge.
  - I. They run for the shelter of the trees.
- 9 Which sentence from the passage uses verbs to create a feeling of swift action?
- A. "He had never seen such rain."
  - B. "The streambed filled in the heavy downpour."
  - C. "He pushed against Billy, who slammed into Lottie."
  - D. "He straightened slowly, working the pain out of his legs."
- 10 Francis is relieved after the heavy rainfall because
- F. they are all safe.
  - G. their footprints are gone.
  - H. Lottie and Billy are safe.
  - I. the Comancheros are lost.

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