Year 5 English: Words with the nearest meaning (Easy)

English · Reading and vocabulary
Level: Easy

Student: _____ Date: _____

Instructions
- There are 10 questions. Read each one carefully.
- Write your answers on this paper. Use the space under a question to work it out.
- A grown-up can read a question aloud — that's fine.
- The answers are at the end. Check them together when you have finished.

Questions

1. Read: “Be careful with the fragile glass bowl.” What does fragile mean here?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** fragrant ○ **B** strong ○ **C** delicate

2. “Please reply to the invitation by Friday.” Which word could take the place of reply without changing the meaning?

Circle one answer.

Please _____ to the invitation by Friday.

○ **A** ignore ○ **B** respond ○ **C** send

3. “Check that your answer is correct.” Which word could take the place of correct without changing the meaning?

Circle one answer.

Check that your answer is _____.

○ **A** right ○ **B** collect ○ **C** marked

4. In this sentence, which word is nearest in meaning to vast? “The explorers found a vast cave under the hill.”

Circle one answer.

○ **A** narrow ○ **B** huge ○ **C** vase

5. “The brave firefighter walked into the smoke.” Which word could take the place of brave without changing the meaning?

Circle one answer.

The _____ firefighter walked into the smoke.

○ **A** scared ○ **B** fearless ○ **C** brace

6. In this sentence, which word is nearest in meaning to sprint? “Kayla had to sprint to catch the bus.”

Circle one answer.

○ **A** run fast ○ **B** drive ○ **C** spring ○ **D** walk slowly

7. Read: “The cold wind made the kids shiver.” What does shiver mean here?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** tremble ○ **B** silver ○ **C** blanket ○ **D** sweat

8. Read: “The dog’s bark woke the whole street.” Which meaning of bark fits here?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** the outer layer of a tree ○ **B** a type of boat

○ **C** a sharp sound a dog makes

9. Which word is NOT close in meaning to happy?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** gloomy ○ **B** glad ○ **C** cheerful ○ **D** joyful

10. Read: “The umpire made a fair decision.” Which meaning of fair fits here?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** treating everyone the same ○ **B** a show with rides and stalls

○ **C** light in colour

Answer key

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1. C — delicate

Here fragile means delicate. Try it: “Be careful with the delicate glass bowl.” Strong is the opposite. Fragrant only looks or sounds a little like fragile.

2. B — respond

Here reply means respond. Try it: “Please respond to the invitation by Friday.” Ignore is the opposite. Send goes with the topic but does not mean the same.

3. A — right

Here correct means right. Try it: “Check that your answer is right.” Collect only looks or sounds a little like correct. Marked goes with the topic but does not mean the same.

4. B — huge

Here vast means huge. Try it: “The explorers found a huge cave under the hill.” Narrow is the opposite. Vase only looks or sounds a little like vast.

5. B — fearless

Here brave means fearless. Try it: “The fearless firefighter walked into the smoke.” Scared is the opposite. Brace only looks or sounds a little like brave.

6. A — run fast

Here sprint means run fast. Try it: “Kayla had to run fast to catch the bus.” Walk slowly is the opposite. Spring only looks or sounds a little like sprint.

7. A — tremble

Here shiver means tremble. Try it: “The cold wind made the kids tremble.” Sweat is the opposite. Silver only looks or sounds a little like shiver.

8. C — a sharp sound a dog makes

Here bark means a sharp sound a dog makes. The other choices are real meanings of bark, but they do not fit this sentence.

9. A — gloomy

Glad, joyful and cheerful all mean about the same as happy. Gloomy is the opposite, so it is the word that does NOT mean the same.

10. A — treating everyone the same

Here fair means treating everyone the same. The other choices are real meanings of fair, but they do not fit this sentence.