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

English · Reading and vocabulary
Level: Medium

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. In this sentence, which word is nearest in meaning to hesitate? “Mia began to hesitate at the top of the slide.”

Circle one answer.

○ **A** hurry ○ **B** pause ○ **C** climb ○ **D** hesitant

2. Read: “The crew had to abandon the sinking boat.” What does abandon mean here?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** protect ○ **B** float ○ **C** leave ○ **D** abundant

3. Read: “The famous chef stayed humble about her awards.” What does humble mean here?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** modest ○ **B** kind ○ **C** humid ○ **D** proud

4. “We have ample time to finish the model.” Which word could take the place of ample without changing the meaning?

Circle one answer.

We have _____ time to finish the model.

○ **A** little ○ **B** amble ○ **C** enough ○ **D** clock

5. In this sentence, which word is nearest in meaning to chuckle?
"Grandpa gave a quiet chuckle at the joke."

Circle one answer.

○ **A** chuck ○ **B** soft laugh ○ **C** roar ○ **D** cry

6. Read: "Tia was reluctant to jump into the cold pool." What does reluctant mean here?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** unwilling ○ **B** reluctance ○ **C** splashing ○ **D** eager

7. Read: "Can you assist me with this heavy box?" What does assist mean here?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** carry ○ **B** assistant ○ **C** help ○ **D** block

8. Which one word means "a person who draws maps"?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** explorer ○ **B** photographer ○ **C** geography

○ **D** cartographer

9. Read: "A bat flew out of the old cave at dusk." Which meaning of bat fits here?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** a stick used in cricket ○ **B** to hit a ball

○ **C** a flying animal

10. Read: "A cool spring bubbled out of the rock." Which meaning of spring fits here?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** a coiled piece of metal

○ **B** water flowing out of the ground

○ **C** the season after winter

Answer key

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1. B — pause

Here hesitate means pause. Try it: “Mia began to pause at the top of the slide.” Hurry is the opposite. Hesitant only looks or sounds a little like hesitate.

2. C — leave

Here abandon means leave. Try it: “The crew had to leave the sinking boat.” Protect is the opposite. Abundant only looks or sounds a little like abandon.

3. A — modest

Here humble means modest. Try it: “The famous chef stayed modest about her awards.” Proud is the opposite. Humid only looks or sounds a little like humble.

4. C — enough

Here ample means enough. Try it: “We have enough time to finish the model.” Little is the opposite. Amble only looks or sounds a little like ample.

5. B — soft laugh

Here chuckle means a soft laugh. Try it: “Grandpa gave a quiet, soft laugh at the joke.” Roar is far too loud. Cry is not a laugh, and chuck only looks like chuckle.

6. A — unwilling

Here reluctant means unwilling. Try it: “Tia was unwilling to jump into the cold pool.” Eager is the opposite. Reluctance only looks or sounds a little like reluctant.

7. C — help

Here assist means help. Try it: “Can you help me with this heavy box?” Block is the opposite. Assistant only looks or sounds a little like assist.

8. D — cartographer

Cartographer is the one word that means a person who draws maps. Photographer only looks or sounds a little like that word. Explorer goes with the topic but does not mean the same.

9. C — a flying animal

Here bat means a flying animal. The other choices are real meanings of bat, but they do not fit this sentence.

10. B — water flowing out of the ground

Here spring means water flowing out of the ground. The other choices are real meanings of spring, but they do not fit this sentence.