

1 **VOCABULARY**

***Directions***

Find the word or words with the same meaning as the underlined word. Click the circle next to your best answer choice.

A stream ran through the valley.

- A long, low land
- B deep, dark woods
- C green, rolling hills
- D steep, rocky cliff

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The bird hid behind the reeds.

- A thick clouds
- B leafy trees
- C tall grasses
- D huge rocks

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Dad's voice echoed in the hall.

- A was hard to hear
- B grew louder
- C fell silent
- D repeated

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Rainwater rushed through the gully.

- A ditch
- B pipe
- C window
- D door

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The boys scrambled over the hill.

- A pretend played
- B begged for help
- C looked through a telescope
- D climbed quickly

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Donna clutched the bag in her hands.

- A held tight
- B closed
- C looked at
- D tore

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We covered our fort with thatch.

- A cloth
- B plastic
- C plant material
- D paper

8 **WORD ANALYSIS**

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Sammy was sure there was a monster in her closet.

- A mo | nster
- B mons | ter
- C mon | ster
- D monst | er

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We lined up at the entrance to the school.

- A en | trance
- B entr | ance
- C entran | ce
- D ent | rance

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We are having a surprise party for Mike.

- A su | rprise
- B sur | prise
- C surpri | se
- D surp | rise

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We need just three more pieces to complete the puzzle.

- A c | omplete
- B comp | lete
- C co | mplete
- D com | plete

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Sandy and her partner finished before all the other teams.

- A part | ner
- B par | tner
- C partn | er
- D pa | rtner

13 **COMPREHENSION**

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**Which of the following is *not* a cause of the author's need to train Ursula?**

- A Ursula unravels the paper towels.

- B Ursula jumps out the window.
- C Ursula is a beautiful cat.
- D Ursula gets on the roof.

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**Which of the following helps paint a visual picture of the cat Ursula?**

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- B Ursula is sneaky.
- C Ursula never says anything.
- D Ursula hides behind the plants.

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**Why does the author use a water bottle to try to train Ursula?**

- A Cats have sharp claws.

- B Cats chase lizards.
- C Cats are intelligent.
- D Cats don't like water.

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- A The author's sandwich is glued to the counter.

- B Ursula unravels the toilet paper.
- C Ursula finds a way to open the front door.
- D Ursula no longer unravels the paper towels.

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**What is the *third* step the author takes to train Ursula?**

- A The author buys a cat leash.

- B The author covers the counter with glue.
- C The author squirts Ursula with the water bottle.
- D The author covers the windowsill with orange oil.

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**What causes the author to buy a cat leash?**

- A Ursula continues to chase lizards and birds.



- B The water never reaches Ursula's skin.
- C Ursula unravels the paper towels.
- D The glue on the counter didn't work.

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**What was the effect of the author's experiment with the cat leash?**

- A Ursula stops chasing lizards and birds.

- B The author gives up on the water bottle.
- C The author gives up on the glue.
- D Ursula scratches the author's arms.

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**What conclusion can you draw by the end of the selection?**

- A The author will give Ursula back to Jorge.

- B The author has come to understand cats.
- C The author keeps getting scratched by Ursula.
- D The author has covered the house with orange oil.