Vocabulary: Words and their Meanings

What does the word in **bold** mean? Select from the two choices that follow.

The swimmer kept **afloat** by laying on her back in the water.

to fall or drop slowly

to rest on the surface of the water

The boy **claimed** that someone else broke the window, but all the other children said it was him.

a sentence that asks for a reply

to state or demand as one's right

I **shared** the cake with my friends.

to divide and give out to others while keeping a portion for oneself

to put or store

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The telephone was **invented** by Alexander Graham Bell.

to think of, come up with, or create something new

to ruin completely

We **arrived** at the bus depot just in time to see our bus leaving without us.

to leave; go away

to reach a certain place

In her **haste** to catch her bus, she forgot her homework at home.

a state of relaxation

speed or hurry

Air, like food, is a **basic** human need.

to wish for

essential

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