

1 Read this sentence and dictionary entry.

The man had to bend the metal to make a hook.

bend (bend) *v.* **1.** To persuade. **2.** To force into an angle or curve. **3.** To change from the true meaning. *n.* **4.** A curve in a road.

Which meaning of bend is used in this sentence?

- A 1
- B 3
- C 2
- D 4

2 Read this sentence and thesaurus entry.

The strong winds had blown over the telephone pole during the night.

strong *adj.* **1.** Healthy. **2.** Tough. **3.** Secure. **4.** Powerful.

Which meaning of strong is used in the sentence?

- A secure
- B healthy
- C tough
- D powerful

3 Read this sentence and dictionary entry.

The two brothers spring out of bed when they realize they are going to be late for school.

spring (spring) *v.* **1.** To leap or jump up. *n.* **2.** A season. **3.** A source of water. **4.** A coiled piece of metal.

Which meaning of spring is used in this sentence?

- A 3
- B 4
- C 2
- D 1

4 Read this dictionary entry.

sign (sin) *v.* **1.** To write one's name. **2.** To communicate by making a gesture or motion. *n.* **3.** A character in a math operation. **4.** A display of something.

Which sentence is an example of definition 1?

- A The store owners put up a sign in front of their store.
- B The young couple had to sign a lot of papers before owning their house.
- C In order to communicate, Marcus has to sign to people.
- D Mrs. Willis reminds her students to look at the sign before solving the problem.

5 Read this dictionary entry.

show ('shō) *v.* **1.** To allow to be seen. **2.** To present. **3.** To give a record of something. **4.** To point out.

Which sentence is an example of definition 4?

- A The thermometer will show the temperature outside.
- B Greta likes to show her talents during every family event.
- C The tour guide plans to show the tourists the best parts of the city.
- D Matt does not like to show his paintings to anyone but his family.

- 6 Directions: You do not need to read a passage to answer the question. Read and answer the question. Click on the correct box.

Select the meaning of rich as used in this sentence.

I could barely finish my slice of that rich chocolate cake.

rich *adj.* 1. Fortunate. 2. Expensive. 3. Flavorful. 4. Bright. 5. Funny.

Fortunate

Expensive

Flavorful

Bright

Funny

Read the following passage and answer questions 7 through 8.

The Big Spill

- 1 Something terrible turned into something good when I was in kindergarten. I will never forget it.
- 2 It was a warm spring day close to the end of the school year. My class was having a picnic on the playground. My classmates were having a great time swinging on the swings and singing songs about squirrels.
- 3 Mrs. Carson was placing food and drinks on the picnic tables. I lingered near the tables and watched her work. I watched her unpack sandwiches and pickles. I was hungry and eager to fill my stomach with peanut butter and jelly. I looked forward to tasting the chocolate in the cookies she baked.
- 4 Mrs. Carson called my name. "Would you like to be my helper?"
- 5 I was so excited! I skipped over to the table and said, "Yes!"
- 6 "I am using a can opener to open this big can of juice. See how the opener pushes a hole through the top of the can?" I had seen my mother do this hundreds of times. I was not old enough to pour juice from the heavy can, but I could hold my cup while my mother poured.
- 7 "Will you carry this to the other picnic table?" Mrs. Carson asked. I reached out to pick up the can and realized that Mrs. Carson had poked the holes through the bottom of the can. The label was upside-down. I thought I had better fix that problem. I turned the can over and set it on the table.
- 8 Suddenly, Mrs. Carson gasped and came running toward me. She reached out to the can and flipped it over. The wooden table was covered with sweet-smelling fruit punch. It dripped down the sides of the table and created a pool of red liquid. Dirt floated on the top.
- 9 I felt hot tears stinging my eyes. I saw big, red splotches of juice on my dress. I stared at the half-empty can of juice. My shoulders shook as I sobbed the words, "I've ruined the picnic."
- 10 "It's okay," Mrs. Carson said as she looked in my eyes. That juice has a lot of sugar in it. Why don't we have something healthier to drink?"
- 11 She placed the can in an empty paper shopping bag and pulled a piece of paper from her clipboard. As she scribbled a note, she said, "Give this to Ms. Rose in the cafeteria. She'll bring us a nice, cold pitcher of water."
- 12 I took the note and turned toward the door. Even though we were not in the classroom, I learned an important lesson that day.

7 To find the meaning of the word "sobbed" in paragraph 9, a student should look in —

- A an almanac
- B an encyclopedia
- C a dictionary
- D an atlas

8 Read this dictionary entry.

can (kan) *v.* **1.a** to keep fresh by sealing in a jar or can. **b.** to record on film or tape. *n.* **2.a** a metal cylinder-shaped container. **b.** a container for trash.

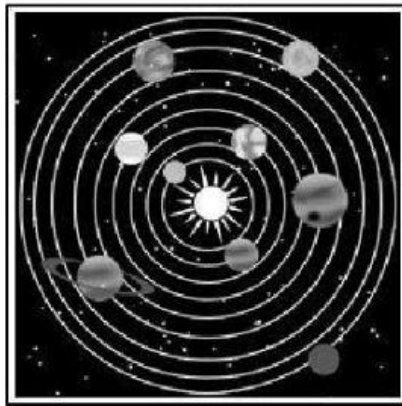
In paragraph 6, which meaning of the word can is used?

- A to keep fresh by sealing in a jar or can
- B a container for trash
- C a metal cylinder-shaped container
- D to record on film or tape

Read the following passage and answer questions 9 through 10.

Copernicus Was Right

- 1 Have you ever seen a sunset? Have you ever watched the stars roll across the sky? If so, you are not alone. Many people love to look beyond the planet Earth. For centuries, people wondered why the sun, moon, and stars appear to move through the sky. Thanks to one man, we know the answer.
- 2 Long ago, people believed that Earth was at the center of the universe. They believed that the sun and planets moved around Earth. It certainly appeared that way. Every day the sun rose in the east and set in the west. For centuries, people believed that the Earth did not move.
- 3 One man changed their minds. Copernicus was an astronomer who studied stars, planets, and moons. Every night for years, he watched the moon and stars. The sun was too bright to watch, but he thought about it every day. He decided that the sun was at the center of the universe, and that Earth moved around it. He also believed that Earth spun. It explained the sun's apparent movement in the sky. These were brand new ideas, and Copernicus was nervous about sharing them with people. He kept his ideas a secret for years. Before he died, he published his ideas in a book.



- 4 Many people read that book. They became convinced that Earth moves around the sun. A new invention called the telescope helped them understand. The telescope made objects in the sky look much larger. People saw that the moon was rocky, just like Earth. They also discovered new planets. People slowly realized that Earth had much in common with the other planets.
- 5 We have learned a lot more since Copernicus first made his discoveries. We now know that there are eight planets. We know that many of the planets have moons. We also know that Copernicus was right about the Earth and the other planets moving around the sun. Copernicus would be happy to know how much we have learned from him.

9 To find the meaning of the word "common," a student should look in —

- A an atlas
- B a dictionary
- C a thesaurus
- D an encyclopedia

10 Read this dictionary entry.

right (rīt) *adj.* **1.a** correct in judgment, opinion, or fact. **b.** most convenient, or favorable. **c.** positioned facing outward or toward an observer. **d.** located on the side facing east when the subject is facing north.

In paragraph 5, which meaning of the word right is used?

- A positioned facing outward or toward an observer
- B most convenient, or favorable
- C located on the side facing east when the subject is facing north
- D correct in judgment, opinion, or fact