

STUDENT WEEKLY CHALLENGE

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Section 1: Word Wizard

Match the word to its definition or counterpart using the Word Bank below.

CHOICE POOL

socially correct or dressing well | confused due to a high fever |
 a very steep rock face | to make something dirty or impure |
 a fake or dishonest doctor | dark and dirty liquid |
 sticking out from a surface | help or money given to the poor |
 a safe place to stay | to challenge or go against gravity

proper

quack

charity

murky

contaminate

delirious

precipice

protruding

defy

refuge



Section 2: Story Detective

1. What did Sam sell from his cart in the flashback?

- ☐ Apples
- ☐ Onions
- ☐ Meat
- ☐ Shoes

2. Who was the person responsible for the bad meat?

- ☐ Sam
- ☐ Mr. Pike
- ☐ Jim Parker
- ☐ Doc Hawthorn

3. Why didn't Stanley want to leave Zero to find the shovel?

- ☐ He was too tired
- ☐ He was afraid of bugs
- ☐ He didn't want Zero to feel deserted
- ☐ He didn't know where it was

4. How did Zero help Stanley get up the last ledge?

- ☐ He gave him a boost
- ☐ By using the shovel as a handle
- ☐ He threw a rope
- ☐ He didn't help him

5. What did Stanley call the odor near the top of the mountain?

- ☐ The smell of onions
- ☐ The smell of rain
- ☐ The smell of despair
- ☐ The smell of flowers

6. When Stanley gave Zero an onion, what did he tell him it was?

- ☐ A peach
- ☐ A hot fudge sundae
- ☐ A piece of candy
- ☐ A hamburger

7. Where did the boys find the water?

- ☐ At the very top of the rock
- ☐ The water hole
- ☐ A running stream
- ☐ Inside the onions

8. What did Stanley sing to Zero at the end of the chapter?

- ☐ A pop song
- ☐ A song about a duck
- ☐ A family lullaby
- ☐ A school anthem

Section 3: Language Architect

Rearrange the words into a perfect sentence.

Jumbled Words: [onion / He / gratefully / ate / the]

Ans: _____

Jumbled Words: [very / still / Zero / was / sick]

Ans: _____

Jumbled Words: [mountain / They / up / the / zigzagged]

Ans: _____

Jumbled Words: [while / Zero / for / carried / Stanley / a]

Ans: _____

Jumbled Words: [found / in / weeds / He / shovel / the]

Ans: _____

Section 4: Grammar Hero

1. Which preposition fits? Stanley sat _____ a rock.

- ☐ in
- ☐ on
- ☐ between
- ☐ through

2. Choose the correct irregular past tense verb: They _____ the water.

- ☐ drinked
- ☐ drank
- ☐ drunken
- ☐ drinks

3. Identify the 3rd person pronoun: _____ carried the heavy sack.

- ☐ I
- ☐ You
- ☐ He
- ☐ Me

4. Choose the correct regular past tense verb: Stanley _____ his friend.

- ☐ carries
- ☐ carrying
- ☐ carried
- ☐ carry

5. Which preposition fits? The water was _____ the ground.

- ☐ under
- ☐ above
- ☐ between
- ☐ among

 Section 5: Master Writer

Write three sentences describing the physical climb up the mountain. Use two irregular verbs and one preposition of place.

Imagine you are Mrs. Tennyson. Write a short note to Sam thanking him for the onion tonic. Use the word 'gratefully' and 'proper'.