Many people have heard the famous slogan, “Only YOU can help prevent forest fires.” Believe it or not, goats can also help **avert** fires in California. In parts of the state, the fall season is very dry, and **scorching** winds often roar over the land. The **TINY** spark can **ignite** a fire, which can spread easily through grasses and bushes. _____, California residents **utilize** goats to eat the plants as a form of fire control. These goats eat anything, even plants with thorns! Many people rent the goats until the rains come and the **threat** is over. Obviously, having a goat as a pet might be quite _____in California!

1. What would be the best title for this reading?

2. The main idea of the paragraph is

3. What poetic device is used in this sentence: “Scorching winds often roar over the land.”

4. “Tiny” in the fourth sentence needs to be changed to the superlative form. How should “tiny” be spelled in this sentence?

5. What would be the best transitional word to use at the beginning of sentence five?

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6. What would be the correct form of the word to put in the final sentence of the paragraph?

7. Which sentence is most likely true?

8. Match the vocabulary with the best definition.

1. avert	A. use
2. scorching	B. danger
3. ignite	C. start
4. utilize	D. prevent
5. threat	E. hot

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