Vocabulary Development

Caleb has a problem with his pogo stick. Read the story to learn what it is. Then read each of the six sentences. Choose the best answer.

Hopping Mad



Caleb turned eight on his birthday today. He thought it was going to be an ordinary day, but that was before the doorbell rang. Caleb opened the door and found a package on his front step. It was neatly wrapped and there was a card with it. The card read, "Happy Birthday, Bestie. Let's be friends again." It was from Junior. Caleb was suspicious. Junior could not be trusted. Caleb thought it must be a trick. He opened the package and saw a pogo stick. It looked all right. Caleb decided that he would accept Junior's apology.

Then he got on the pogo stick. Soon, Caleb knew Junior's trick. The pogo stick would not stop! He didn't know how Junior did it. He did know he'd have to stop this thing and find Junior. Caleb was hopping mad!

1. The word ordinary means:

   normal tricky open loud

2. The word suspicious means:

   tired very full

   very happy not trusting

3. The word apology means

   Nothing "I'm sorry."

   "I'll do it." "Rubbish"

4. In the story, the word it stands for

   the cake the package

   the problem Caleb's birthday

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5. A word in the story that is the opposite of sloppily is

slowly sadly neatly indeed

6. A word in the story that means almost the same as upset is

tired lost mad open

Write a sentence using each of these words:

- ordinary
- suspicious
- apology

ordinary	
suspicious	
apology	



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