

EXERCISES

A Circle the word that fits the definition.

1. **not strongly put in place**
a. kid b. loose c. disgraceful d. sensation
2. **thankful**
a. decent b. irritate c. grateful d. offend
3. **a job or task**
a. sled b. chore c. alley d. ax
4. **someone you love or admire**
a. valentine b. pine c. bunch d. elbow
5. **to make angry**
a. offend b. scar c. persist d. overnight

B Circle the right definition for the given word.

1. **bunch**
a. a group of things b. a tool
c. a narrow road d. wood from a tree
2. **elbow**
a. a picture b. a mark on the skin
c. a part of the arm d. a vehicle for snow
3. **disgraceful**
a. very bad b. amusing
c. during the night d. not strongly attached
4. **overnight**
a. happening during the night b. to make fun of someone
c. not held in place d. a feeling one gets from senses
5. **ax**
a. a tall tree b. a tool used for cutting
c. a part of the arm d. a feeling of shame

C Write the word that best fits each blank.

1. ax / pine

The man bought a big _____. He needed it to cut down a(n) _____ tree in his yard.

2. offend / tease

The bully likes to _____ the smaller children. He does not know that his actions _____ them.

3. overnight / loose

The door to the shed is _____. It will be windy tomorrow, so I must work _____ to fix it so it does not blow away.

4. chore / grateful

The _____ of cutting the grass was difficult. However, the boy was _____ when he was paid for his hard work.

5. alley / sled

After the snowstorm, the _____ was covered with snow and ice. It was fun to ride our _____ down the path.

6. elbow / scar

She hurt her _____ and had to go to the doctor. There is a large _____ where the cut healed.

7. persist / bunch

She must put all of the leaves into a _____. It will not be easy, but she must _____ to get the job done.

8. kids / irritate

The boy always _____ his friend about things that aren't true. But he will _____ his friend if he continues this action.

9. valentine / decent

He thought that until he got a _____ haircut, Elena would never be his _____.

10. sensation / disgraceful

This is a _____ waste of time. He had a terrible _____ in his stomach.

The Boy and His Sled

Mike was the smallest child in school. Another boy, Joe, always **teased** Mike. Joe had a large **scar** on his face from fighting other children. One day, Joe **offended** Mike when he made fun of Mike's **valentine**, Jane. This was **disgraceful**, but Mike didn't know how to make Joe stop.

That day, Mike walked home down an **alley**. He found a **bunch** of wood boards next to a **pine** tree. He thought to himself, "I could build a **decent sled** from these. If I let Joe use it, he will be nicer to me and Jane." He took the wood home.

Mike got an **ax** and cut the wood. He used nails to make sure that the pieces were not **loose**. As he worked, he bumped his **elbow** on the boards. The painful **sensation** made him want to cry. It was a hard **chore**, but he **persisted**. He worked **overnight**. By morning, the sled was finished.

Mike called Joe on the telephone. He said, "Hi, Joe. Come over to my house right away."

Joe didn't know why Mike wanted him to come over. When Joe arrived, Mike told him, "Joe, it **irritated** me the other day when you said mean things about Jane. You weren't **kidding** when you said those mean things. But I'm not like you. I just built this sled, and I'll let you ride it with me if you are nice."

They became friends, and Joe was **grateful** that Mike was so nice to him. He learned that it is more fun to be nice than to be mean.

READING COMPREHENSION

PART A

Mark each statement **T** for true or **F** for false. Rewrite the false statements to make them true.

1. ____ Joe offended Mike by saying mean things about his valentine, Jane.

2. ____ Mike found a bunch of pine trees.

3. ____ Joe was a decent person at the beginning of the reading.

4. ____ Mike persisted even though the chore was very hard.

5. ____ Mike used his elbows to make sure that the pieces were not loose.

6. ____ Mike told Joe he was sharing his new sled because he was a decent person.

PART B

Answer the questions.

1. Which item did Mike NOT use when building the sled?
 - a. Ax
 - b. Nail
 - c. Alley
 - d. Board
2. At the end of the reading, Joe _____.
 - a. was grateful that Mike was nice
 - b. did not get to ride on the sled
 - c. irritated Mike again
 - d. said he was kidding
3. According to the reading, when did Mike build the sled?
 - a. The next morning
 - b. Overnight
 - c. Before school
 - d. Throughout the day



Track 4-2