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Dictionary Skills HW Practice 1

1.) What is the meaning of the word **retreat** as used in the sentence below?

The President called for all troops to **retreat** back to their home base.

Retreat: *n.* 1. An act of going away especially from something difficult, dangerous, or disagreeable 2. Military return from the enemy 3. A place of privacy or safety 4. A period of withdrawal for prayer, meditation, or study

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

2.) What is the meaning of the word **brace** as used in the sentences below?

Then the flight attendant came and told us we needed to land. "It will be hard, so **brace** yourselves. Put your head down. Hold tight."

Brace: *v.* 1. To make firm or tight 2. To get ready 3. To give life or energy 4. To regain one's courage

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

3.) In the paragraph below, what does the word **burst** mean?

"It doesn't sound like that is the problem," she said. "Your mother is making good food, but you're eating candy and cookies. Do you know how much nutrition there is in those foods? They aren't even on that pyramid. Sugar gives you a **burst** of energy, but that does not last. You need to have a better diet. You need good food to sustain your energy. You need to eat meats, fruits, and vegetables."

- A. To break open into pieces
- B. To suddenly show one's feelings
- C. To come or go suddenly
- D. A sudden release or effort