STUDENT WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Source: Custom Content

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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	- - - - - - - - - -	_____

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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?

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- [ ] 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]

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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

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

- [ ] under
- [ ] above
- [ ] between
- [ ] among

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✍️ 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'.

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