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Reading Text

During their hiking trip, Emma and her friends ventured into a **dense** forest in search of a beautiful mountain lake that they had heard about from other hikers. The journey was more challenging than they had expected, as the narrow trails were surrounded by tall trees, thick bushes, and fallen branches. After walking for nearly two hours, they arrived at a crossroads where two paths **diverged** in different directions. A **weathered** wooden signpost stood nearby, but its faded letters made it difficult to identify which path led to the lake. One trail appeared to lead toward a small village in the distance, while the other disappeared deeper into the forest. Unsure which direction to take, Emma took out her map and carefully compared it with the surrounding **landmarks**. Her friends offered different suggestions, and the group discussed the possible risks of choosing the wrong trail. After

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examining the map and considering their options, Emma concluded that the path leading deeper into the forest was more likely to take them to their **destination**. The group agreed with her decision and continued their journey, hoping that their careful choice would lead them to the lake. Looking back on the experience, Emma realized that a crossroads was not simply a place where two paths met, but also a moment when people had to **evaluate** their options, consider the consequences, and make a decision despite uncertainty.

Vocabulary in Context

Match each word with its correct meaning. Write the correct letter.

No.	Word	Meaning
1.	Dense	a. A place or goal someone wants to reach
2.	Diverged	b. To judge or examine something carefully
3.	Weathered	c. Thickly packed or closely growing
4.	Landmarks	d. Separated and went in different directions
5.	Destination	e. Objects or features that help people identify a location
6.	Evaluate	f. Worn or changed through exposure to weather

Answers:

1_____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

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