

Curtis tried to get the highest grades in class because he wanted to be chosen as valedictorian, so he could give the speech at graduation. He studied hard every day and earned the best grades he could. He only came in second place though, so he was just selected as the salutarian. It was not what he dreamed of, but still a great achievement. He saw his parents smiling joyfully when he walked up to get his diploma and thought, "I'll be first in college **and** be a valedictorian!" You know what? He did!

1) A valedictorian is:

- a) the student with the second highest grades
- b) the student who most likely goes to college
- c) the student with the highest grades in class
- d) the president of the chess and drama clubs

2) A salutarian is:

- e) the editor of the school newspaper or magazine
- f) the student who will give the graduation speech
- g) the student with the highest grades in school
- h) the student who earns second highest grades

3) Curtis **most likely** feels:

- i) angry and will probably not go to the graduation
- j) disappointed but still proud at coming in second
- k) scared that he might not graduate from school
- l) embarrassed and ashamed that he was second

4) Two words from the reading that are **synonyms** are:

- m) dreamed, tried
- n) valedictorian, salutarian
- o) speech, graduation
- p) chosen, selected

5) The **best** name for this passage would be:

- q) From Second Place to the Stars: Never, Ever Give Up!
- r) Second Place is Second Success, It's First or Nothing!
- s) Study Skills to Help You Earn Good Grades in School
- t) The Difference Between Valedictorian and Salutarian