

Vocabulary Development

Joey saw a funny flash of green.

Read the story to find out what happened next. Then read each of the six sentences. Choose the best answer.

A Flash of Green

Joey was pulling weeds in the garden. How he **loathed** pulling weeds! He tried every excuse that he could. It was no use. Dad almost never changed his mind once **he** said something. Today he said Joey had to pull weeds!

Joey was beginning to feel tired. He had really been working hard. He **decided** to take a break. Joey lay back for just a **brief** moment. He put his hands behind his head and crossed his feet. He was really feeling great.

Then it happened. Something big and green flashed in front of his face. Joey was scared to death. He looked around and saw nothing. He thought maybe he was going crazy. Could it have been a frog? Maybe it was a big, green bird. Joey really didn't care. All he knew was that he had to pull the weeds in a hurry. He wanted to get out of there fast!

1. The word **loathed** means

smiled. cleaned. yelled. hated.

2. The word **decided** means

called a friend. made up his mind.
saw a problem. found a friend.

3. The word **brief** means

short. sad. silly. sick.

4. In the story, the bold word **he** stands for

Joe's dad. a grasshopper. a frog. Joe.

5. A word in the story that is the opposite of **finishing** is

beginning. ending. third. shy.

6. A word in the story that means almost the same as **wonderful** is

tired. great. scared. crazy.

Write a sentence using each of these words:

- loathed
- decided
- brief

loathed

decided

brief