

Vocabulary Development

Caleb has a problem with his pogo stick. Read the story to learn what it is. Then read each of the six sentences. Choose the best answer.

Hopping Mad

Caleb turned eight on his birthday today. He thought it was going to be an **ordinary** day, but that was before the doorbell rang. Caleb opened the door and found a package on his front step. **It** was neatly wrapped and there was a card with it. The card read, "Happy Birthday, Bestie. Let's be friends again." It was from Junior. Caleb was **suspicious**. Junior could not be trusted. Caleb thought it must be a trick. He opened the package and saw a pogo stick. It looked all right. Caleb decided that he would accept Junior's **apology**.

Then he got on the pogo stick. Soon, Caleb knew Junior's trick. The pogo stick would not stop! He didn't know how Junior did it. He did know he'd have to stop this thing and find Junior. Caleb was hopping mad!



1. The word **ordinary** means:
normal tricky open loud
2. The word **suspicious** means:
tired very full
very happy not trusting
3. The word **apology** means
Nothing "I'm sorry."
"I'll do it." "Rubbish"
4. In the story, the word **it** stands for
the cake the package
the problem Caleb's birthday

5. A word in the story that is the opposite of **sloppily** is
slowly sadly neatly indeed

6. A word in the story that means almost the same as **upset** is
tired lost mad open



Write a sentence using each of these words:

- ordinary
- suspicious
- apology

ordinary

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suspicious

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apology

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