

EXERCISES

A Circle the word that fits the definition.

1. a strong feeling of not liking someone or something
a. deceive b. repay c. offense d. hatred
2. not as good as
a. inferior b. hatred c. satisfactory d. venture
3. to get something
a. overlook b. discourage c. lodge d. acquire
4. to go to a dangerous place
a. wheat b. venture c. newcomer d. caretaker
5. a plant from which we get
a. fake b. wheat c. shepherd d. hut

B Circle the right definition for the given word.

1. satisfactory
a. to pretend b. to care for
c. good enough d. project
2. newcomer
a. not comfortable b. someone new to a place
c. not as good as d. a glass lamp
3. repay
a. to give back b. to not pay attention to
c. a house for hunting d. a bad thing that someone does
4. fake
a. to fail to notice b. not real
c. to get d. to protect
5. discourage
a. to go to a high place b. to dislike a lot
c. to make not real d. to make less excited

C Circle the two words in each group that are most closely related.

1. a. discourage b. lodge c. venture d. hut
2. a. shepherd b. caretaker c. repay d. wheat
3. a. offense b. fake c. hatred d. deceive
4. a. acquire b. awkward c. newcomer d. ridiculous
5. a. overlook b. inferior c. neglect d. satisfactory

D Write the word that best fits each blank.

1. fake / newcomers
The girl didn't like the _____, so she played a joke on them. She put _____ bugs in their drinks.
2. repay / neglected
She was eager to _____ the boy who had helped repair her bike. While others had simply _____ her, he was happy to help.
3. offenses / discouraged
Going to jail _____ the man from any _____ in the future.
4. shepherd / venturing
In the middle of the storm, the _____ looked for his lost sheep by _____ up the mountain.
5. deceive / ridiculous
My little brother tried to _____ us by dressing in my dad's clothes, but he just looked _____.
6. wheat / hut
The farmer built his _____ close to the _____ field so he could constantly watch it.
7. awkward / caretaker
After the _____ started a small fire in the kitchen, he felt very _____.

The Shepherd and the Wild Sheep

Once, there was a **shepherd**. Every night, he gathered and counted his sheep. He made sure never to **overlook** any of them. One night, he saw some wild sheep had joined his herd. He hoped to **acquire** the **newcomers**.

It snowed that night. In the morning, the shepherd couldn't take his sheep out of his **lodge**. Instead, he had to feed them inside. He gave a small amount of **wheat** to his own sheep. But he gave more of the food to the wild sheep. He thought the extra wheat would **discourage** them from leaving.

It snowed for several days. During that time, the shepherd's sheep ate very little. The wild sheep, however, ate very well. At last, the snow melted, and they **ventured** outdoors. As soon as he opened the door of his **hut**, the wild sheep started to run away.

"Wait! This is how you **repay** me? After I treated you so kindly, why do you run away?" the shepherd asked. His voice was full of **hatred**. The wild sheep stopped and turned toward the shepherd.

"We're leaving because you fed us better than your own sheep," one of the wild sheep replied. "You tried to **deceive** us with your **ridiculous** plan. Yesterday, you treated us kindly, but tomorrow you might be different. If more wild sheep joined your herd, you would treat us as **inferior** sheep."

As the wild sheep ran away, the shepherd understood his **offense**. He knew this **awkward** situation was his own fault. He had not been a **satisfactory caretaker**. He was a **fake** friend to the wild sheep. Because of this, he had **neglected** his own sheep.

READING COMPREHENSION

PART A

Mark each statement **T** for true or **F** for false. Rewrite the false statements to make them true.

1. ____ The shepherd counted his sheep because he didn't want to overlook any of them.

2. ____ The shepherd couldn't take the sheep outside because it was dark outside.

3. ____ The shepherd gave a little wheat to the wild sheep. But he gave his own sheep more.

4. ____ The wild sheep ran away from the shepherd after the snow melted.

5. ____ The wild sheep thought the shepherd had neglected his own sheep.

6. ____ The shepherd never knew what he had done wrong.

PART B

Answer the questions.

1. What was the shepherd's hope for the wild sheep?
 - a. That they wouldn't be awkward
 - b. That they would feel hatred for him
 - c. That he could acquire them
 - d. That he could repay them
2. How did the shepherd hope to discourage the wild sheep from running away?

a. By giving them extra food	b. By locking them in his hut
c. By selling his own sheep	d. By being their friend
3. All of the following describe what kind of caretaker the shepherd was EXCEPT _____.

a. fake	b. ridiculous
c. inferior	d. satisfactory



Track 3-2