READING

Read the text, guess the meaning of the words in bold and choose the synonym from the list.

Archie and Mr. Walsh

A. **(1)** *Mr. Walsh has a true best friend.* **(2)** *His name is Archie, and he is a dog.* **(3)** *Archie has always helped Mr. Walsh, but one day he saved his owner's life.*

B. **(4)** *Mr. Walsh was about seventy years old.* **(5)** *He lived all alone on a farm outside of town.* **(6)** *Most people didn't know him well.* **(7)** *He liked to be alone, and people thought he was unfriendly.* **(8)** *He was very strong and worked very hard to grow and harvest his* ***crops***. **(9)** *He grew the largest tomatoes in the county.* **(10)** *During a very busy season, he would hire me after school to help around the farm.* **(11)** *He always told me that I was the son he never had.* **(12)** *I have no brothers or sisters, I'm an only child in my family.* **(13)** *Archie helped, too.* **(14)** *Mr. Walsh loved his pet.*

C. **(15)** *One day Mr. Walsh decided he started loading his truck before I got to the farm.* **(16)** *He tried lifting a very heavy* ***crate*** *of tomatoes.* **(17)** *He felt a sharp pain in his* ***chest*** *and fell to the ground.* **(18)** *Archie ran to the gas station near the farm and barked.* **(19)** *Frank, the gas station worker, thought the dog had* ***gone wild***. **(20)** *The dog began pulling and biting at Frank's pants.* **(21)** *Archie then ran to Frank's jeep and* ***leaped*** *into the back seat.* **(22)** *Frank finally understood that something was wrong.* **(23)** *He drove back to the farm and found Mr. Walsh on the ground.* **(24)** *Frank immediately took Mr. Walsh to the hospital.*

D. **(25)** *Mr. Walsh was lucky.* **(26)** *He had suffered a heart attack, but thanks to Archie and Frank, he was all right.*

E. **(27)** *After Mr. Walsh had* ***recuperated***, *he had a big party and invited the entire town.* **(28)** *Everyone came to honor Archie and Frank.* **(29)** *But something else happened at the party, too.* **(30)** *People finally realized that Mr. Walsh was not unfriendly after all.*

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