

STUDENT WEEKLY CHALLENGE

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Section 1: Word Wizard

Match the word to its definition or counterpart using the Word Bank below.

CHOICE POOL

socially correct or dressing well | confused due to a high fever |
a very steep rock face | to make something dirty or impure |
a fake or dishonest doctor | dark and dirty liquid |
sticking out from a surface | help or money given to the poor |
a safe place to stay | to challenge or go against gravity

proper

quack

charity

murky

contaminate

delirious

precipice

protruding	-----	_____
defy	-----	_____
refuge	-----	_____



Section 2: Story Detective

1. What did Sam sell from his cart in the flashback?

- Apples
- Onions
- Meat
- Shoes

2. Who was the person responsible for the bad meat?

- Sam
- Mr. Pike
- Jim Parker
- Doc Hawthorn

3. Why didn't Stanley want to leave Zero to find the shovel?

- He was too tired
- He was afraid of bugs
- He didn't want Zero to feel deserted
- He didn't know where it was

4. How did Zero help Stanley get up the last ledge?

- He gave him a boost
- By using the shovel as a handle
- He threw a rope
- He didn't help him

5. What did Stanley call the odor near the top of the mountain?

- The smell of onions
- The smell of rain
- The smell of despair
- The smell of flowers

6. When Stanley gave Zero an onion, what did he tell him it was?

- A peach
- A hot fudge sundae
- A piece of candy
- A hamburger

7. Where did the boys find the water?

- At the very top of the rock
- The water hole
- A running stream
- Inside the onions

8. What did Stanley sing to Zero at the end of the chapter?

- A pop song
- A song about a duck
- A family lullaby
- A school anthem

Section 3: Language Architect

Rearrange the words into a perfect sentence.

Jumbled Words: [onion / He / gratefully / ate / the]

Ans: _____

Jumbled Words: [very / still / Zero / was / sick]

Ans: _____

Jumbled Words: [mountain / They / up / the / zigzagged]

Ans: _____

Jumbled Words: [while / Zero / for / carried / Stanley / a]

Ans: _____

Jumbled Words: [found / in / weeds / He / shovel / the]

Ans: _____

Section 4: Grammar Hero

1. Which preposition fits? Stanley sat _____ a rock.

- in
- on
- between
- through

2. Choose the correct irregular past tense verb: They _____ the water.

- drinked
- drank
- drunken
- drinks

3. Identify the 3rd person pronoun: _____ carried the heavy sack.

- I
- You
- He
- Me

4. Choose the correct regular past tense verb: Stanley _____ his friend.

- carries
- carrying
- carried
- carry

5. Which preposition fits? The water was _____ the ground.

- under
- above
- between
- among

 **Section 5: Master Writer**

Write three sentences describing the physical climb up the mountain. Use two irregular verbs and one preposition of place.

Imagine you are Mrs. Tennyson. Write a short note to Sam thanking him for the onion tonic. Use the word 'gratefully' and 'proper'.