

Test 1



This is a snap! Just think carefully about the magic of words and have fun!

Directions: Answer each question. Be able to explain the reason for your answer.

1. The four climbers plodded up the side of the mountain. The boreal wind was biting at their faces. Suddenly, one lost his footing and began to slide. Fortunately they were tethered together and were able to avert a catastrophe.



- a. Were the climbers moving at a slow or quick pace up the mountain? _____
What word tells you? _____
- b. *Boreas* is a Greek word for the god of the North wind. What describing word means *northern*?

- c. What word could replace *tethered*? _____
- d. Did the climbers *avoid* or *cause* a catastrophe? _____



2. You may presume that opting for the "super size" at a fast-food restaurant is a good value. That may only be true if you narrow the definition of value to mean more for less money. Consider an alternate view. For a little extra money, you are getting (and consuming) a huge number of extra fat and calories. You may be able to afford the extra money, but can you afford the fat?

- a. What word means to make a judgment without really thinking about it? _____
- b. Does the word *view* mean a scene or an opinion? _____
- c. What word could replace *consuming*? _____
- d. What word means *bear the cost* or *consequences*? _____
- e. What consequences might the writer of this passage be warning you of? _____

Name: _____

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Answers

1. a. slow; plodded; b. boreal; c. tied; d. avoid

2. a. presume; b. an opinion; c. eating; d. afford
e. The danger of consuming extra calories and fat.

1. The horse **plodded** up the hill. He **trudged** the last two miles to the town.

2. The goat is **tethered** to a post.



3. Have you been trying to **avoid** me?

4. You were sniffing a lot - I **presumed** (believed) you had a cold.

5. What's your **opinion** on the matter?

6. Banta **consumes** huge amounts of bread with every meal.

7. I can't **afford** to pay attention to any controversy.

8. When you eat, your body uses some of the calories you **consume** for energy. The rest are stored as fat. Consuming more calories than you burn may cause you to become overweight or obese. This increases your risk for cancer and other chronic health problems.