

Test 14

I have an idea! Use clues from around a word to help you figure out its meaning.



Directions: Write 1 by the meaning of the word as it is used in the story. Write 2 by another meaning for the word.

One day a thirsty crow was flying in rings above a roadside when she was lucky enough to spot a pitcher in the middle of the road. She landed and hopped over to it quickly. She dipped her beak into the narrow neck of the pitcher expecting a cool drink, but no luck. There was only a little water at the very bottom of the pitcher and no way to get at it. She thought hard.

"I could fly to town and find a straw so I could suck out the water," she thought. "No. By the time I get back here, some other crow will surely claim my find."

Finally she had an idea. She picked up little pebbles and dropped them one by one into the pitcher. After a while, the water rose higher and higher as the pebbles filled the bottom of the pitcher. When the water got close to the top, she stuck in her beak and sipped a long, cool drink.



Moral: Necessity is the mother of invention
—Aesop

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| 1. crow | 5. little |
| ___ a. a loud sharp cry | ___ a. a short time or distance |
| ___ b. a large black bird | ___ b. a small amount |
| 2. rings | 6. straw |
| ___ a. circles | ___ a. a tube for sipping |
| ___ b. to make the sound of a bell | ___ b. hay |
| 3. pitcher | 7. back |
| ___ a. a container with a handle | ___ a. to return |
| ___ b. a baseball player | ___ b. behind your chest |
| 4. spot | 8. rose |
| ___ a. to see | ___ a. moved upward |
| ___ b. a mark or stain | ___ b. a flower |

Name: _____

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Answers

1. 2, 1

2. 1, 2

3. 1, 2

4. 1, 2

5. 2, 1

6. 1, 2

7. 1, 2

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