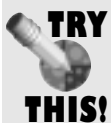


► Circle the words in each sentence that help give the meaning of the Vocabulary Word in dark print. Write the meaning on the line.

aimed **captain** **monitor** **pretended** **professional** **familiar**

- Allie **aimed** her basketball very carefully. She directed the ball toward the basket. **Aimed** means _____.
- I only play basketball with children I know well. They are **familiar** to me. **Familiar** means _____.
- Allie **pretended** not to see or hear the older boys making fun of her. She acted as though they weren't even there. **Pretended** means _____.
- The **captain** of the firehouse is the leader of the firefighters. A **captain** is a person who is the _____.
- The park **monitor** watches over the playground. A **monitor** is a person who _____ people and things.
- Allie wanted to be a **professional** basketball player when she grew up. She wanted to play basketball for a living. **Professional** means doing something _____.



Write two sentences about your favorite athlete. Use at least three of the Vocabulary Words.

► **Read the following e-mail message. Then circle the letter of the answer that best completes each sentence.**

TO: Maya@webmail.com
 FROM: Leyla@webmail.com
 Subject: Basketball



Dear Maya,

Remember when I hurt my wrist playing basketball? Well, to make me feel better, my big brother, Alex, took me to a basketball game. The game was close. In the last three minutes, our team was behind by three points. I squeezed my brother's hand. Alex said, "Don't give up. The game isn't over yet!" Suddenly, my favorite player, Karen Ross, took a three-point shot. The shot went in, and the game was tied! Then our team made another basket. We won! My brother took me to meet Karen Ross. I told her I wanted to become a great basketball player like her. She said, "You can do it, if you work very hard." Then she signed my cast, "You are a great fan. Thanks for cheering us on!"

Your friend,
 Leyla

1 Alex takes Leyla to a basketball game to make her feel better. He is being _____.

- A** proud **C** caring
B brave **D** sad

Tip
 Alex cares for Leyla. He is _____.

2 Leyla squeezes her brother's hand when the team is losing. She is _____.

- F** worried **H** careless
G angry **J** tired

Tip
 Leyla is glad when her team wins. How does she feel when it is losing?

3 Leyla's brother tells her not to give up because the game is not over yet. He is being _____.

- A** unselfish **C** silly
B hopeful **D** bossy

Tip
 Alex hopes the team plays better and wins. He is feeling _____.

