

- Write the Vocabulary Word that best completes each sentence.

restless pageant rehearsals troublesome tropical attentively

1. Kim packed T-shirts and shorts to wear on the _____ island.
2. I played the part of a butterfly in the spring _____.
3. We will have _____ for the play every Friday afternoon.
4. The people became _____ when they had to wait in a long line.
5. Carlos always listens _____ when his grandfather tells a story.
6. The _____ insect landed on my arm.
7. The children's choir has three _____ a week.
8. I feel _____ when it is too rainy to go outside.
9. The Presidents' Day _____ honored George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.
10. The _____ breeze felt good on the hot day.



Draw a picture of children practicing for a pageant. Then write three sentences about your drawing. Use three Vocabulary Words in your sentences.

Skill Reminder**problem + events + solution = plot**

- **Read the story. Then circle the letter of the best answer to each question.**

Sam sat down hard on the end of his bed. It was almost December 31, but he could not find his ticket to the New Year's Eve Pageant.

"Where could it be?" Sam wondered. "I checked my book bag and my top drawer. I even checked under my bed." Sam was upset. He really wanted to see his friend, Quinn, sing in the pageant.

Just then, Sam's sister, Clarissa, came into his bedroom. "Sam, is this what you're looking for?" Clarissa held up a narrow piece of paper. It was Sam's ticket! "I found it next to the telephone," she said.

Sam was happy again. He could go to the pageant after all!

1 Who are the main characters?

- A** Sam and Quinn
- B** Clarissa and Quinn
- C** Sam and the pageant
- D** Sam and Clarissa

Tip

Look for names mentioned in the story. Who does the talking and performs the action?

2 What is Sam's problem?

- F** He can't find his ticket to the New Year's Eve Pageant.
- G** He doesn't want to go to the New Year's Eve Pageant.
- H** His sister won't give him back his ticket.
- J** He argued with Quinn.

Tip

Find the sentences about Sam. What is he upset about?

3 How is the problem solved?

- A** Sam decides not to go to the pageant.
- B** Clarissa finds the ticket next to the telephone.
- C** Sam finds the ticket in his backpack.
- D** Clarissa gives Sam her ticket.

Tip

The solution of a story's problem comes at the end. Reread the last few sentences.



SCHOOL-HOME CONNECTION With your child, discuss your favorite book. Identify the characters, setting, and plot. Have your child do the same with his or her favorite book.