

- Read the Vocabulary Words and their definitions. Then write the Vocabulary Word that answers each clue.

<p><b>revolution:</b> the violent overthrow of a government  <b>plunged:</b> fell  <b>ravine:</b> a deep, narrow valley  <b>mocking:</b> ridiculing  <b>determination:</b> firmness of purpose; courage  <b>condolences:</b> expression of sympathy for someone's loss</p>	
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- When I firmly make up my mind to do something, I show this. \_\_\_\_\_
- When a person is doing this, he or she may be making fun of someone. \_\_\_\_\_
- This word names a narrow valley that you might find between mountains. \_\_\_\_\_
- When a diver dove into the water, he did this.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- When this happens, a violent battle may take place.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- This word says you are sorry for someone's loss.  
\_\_\_\_\_

- Write the Vocabulary Word that best completes each sentence.

- The car tipped over the cliff and fell into a \_\_\_\_\_.
- We expressed \_\_\_\_\_ to our grieving friend.



Write two sentences about a time when you had a lot of **determination**. Use at least two Vocabulary Words in your sentences.

- Read the paragraph. Then circle the letter of the best answer to each question. The underlined words will help you.

When Tomás got angry, his black eyes flashed. He was in a bad mood because he had to travel to California on a crowded train with his family. He was hot. He was tired of being pushed by other passengers. Mamá asked him to play with his sister for a while. Tomás sighed. “I don’t have to do what you say,” he snapped. Then Tomás looked in his mother’s face. He saw a look of pain cross it. All at once, Tomás realized he should not continue to act this way.

- 1 What is the setting of this passage?

A Tomás’s home  
B California  
C a bus  
D a train



Tip

The setting is the time and place of a story. Look for the exact place mentioned in the second sentence.

- 2 The part of the setting that probably most affected Tomás was

F the heat and the crowds.  
G being with his family.  
H going to California.  
J the early morning hour.



Tip

Think about the things that got on Tomás’s nerves. Choose the answer that tells some of these things.

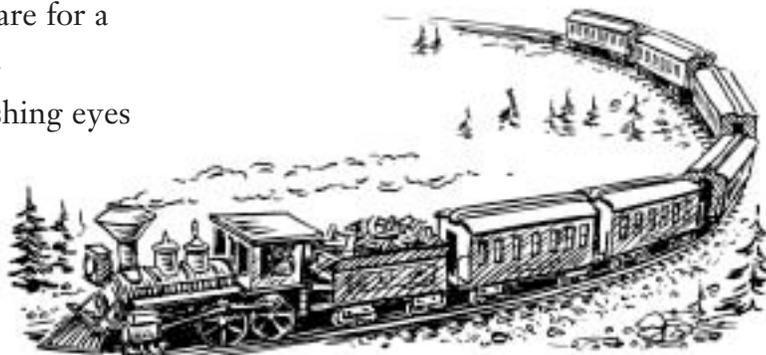
- 3 Which sentence best expresses the theme?

A People get what they want by being mean.  
B Some people act badly because they don’t stop to think.  
C Nobody likes having to care for a younger brother or sister.  
D All people with black, flashing eyes have bad tempers.



Tip

The theme is the meaning or most important message the author wants readers to understand. Select the answer that best tells the message of this story.



**SCHOOL-HOME CONNECTION** Help your child to write a paragraph that tells what Tomás does next. Then read aloud and discuss why Tomás acts the way he does.