

- Read the Vocabulary Words and their definitions. Write the Vocabulary Word in parentheses () that answers each question.

entrusted: given to someone to care for

plodded: walked heavily; trudged

assured: made certain

bountiful: abundant; plentiful

destiny: a person's fate

diligence: hard work; great effort



1. Which word tells the way a man walked when he was tired? _____
(plodded, bountiful)
 2. Which word describes someone's future? _____ (entrusted, destiny)
 3. Which word describes what people have who work long hours every day?
_____ (bountiful, diligence)
 4. Which word means the same as *guaranteed*? _____ (assured, plodded)
 5. Which word describes the kind of harvest farmers always want? _____
(bountiful, destiny)
 6. Which word means the same as *given responsibility for*? _____
(assured, entrusted)
- Write the Vocabulary Word that means the opposite of each underlined word.
7. One year the crop was small, but the next year it was _____.
 8. One year the workers raced through the fields, but the next year they
_____.



Write the Vocabulary Words on slips of paper. Then turn the slips over. With a partner, take turns choosing a slip, reading the word, and defining it.

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

People around the world tell folktales. Folktales are legends, myths, and fables that everyone knows and passes down through the generations. Before radio, television, computers, and printed books, people amused themselves by telling stories. Besides being entertaining, folktales passed along the values and beliefs of a culture. People still read folktales, enjoy them, and learn from the ideas in them.

- 1** Which sentence best paraphrases the second sentence?

- A** Folktales are traditional stories that older people hand down to younger people.
- B** Folktales are printed in books so people can memorize them.
- C** Folktales are the same thing as legends.
- D** Folktales are the same all around the world.



Tip

The second sentence explains that folktales are traditional stories. Generations are people who are about the same age. Which answer choice contains this information?

- 2** Which sentence best paraphrases the fourth sentence?

- F** Folktales are entertaining stories with no special meaning.
- G** Folktales are more fun to tell than they are to listen to.
- H** Folktales are fun to tell and hear, and they express the important ideas of a group.
- J** Everyone likes folktales, but many people don't understand why they are important.



Tip

If something is entertaining, it is enjoyable. Values or beliefs can also be important ideas. Look for the answer choice that includes "fun" and "important ideas."

- 3** Which is the best summary of the paragraph?

- A** People rarely tell folktales anymore.
- B** People like to watch stories on television.
- C** People in many parts of the world tell folktales.
- D** Folktales are entertaining stories from the past that still teach important ideas.



Tip

The last sentence sums up the paragraph. Which answer choice best describes that sentence?



SCHOOL-HOME CONNECTION Discuss with your child the kind of information that goes into a summary. Then help him or her summarize a favorite story or fairy tale.

Name _____

► Choose the best answer to each question, and write it on the line.

1. A **simile** is a comparison between two different things. It uses the words *like* or *as* to compare them. Which sentence is a simile?

- A The love of money is an illness.
 - B The box of gold glowed like a container of bright sunshine.
- _____

2. A **metaphor** is a comparison between two different things. It doesn't use the word *like* or *as* to compare them. Which sentence is a metaphor?

- A Clare's hair is an inky black rope.
 - B The whole world adores our Clare.
- _____

► Choose the best meaning for each example of figurative language. Write the answer on the line.

3. In the moonlight, the road was a white ribbon stretching across the land.

- A The road was narrow and long and shone in the moonlight.
 - B The road was dark in spite of the moonlight.
- _____

4. The sun set like a golden coin dropping into a slot.

- A The sunset spread across the horizon.
 - B When the sun set, it disappeared quickly.
- _____

5. The woman was a shadow of her former self.

- A The woman looked thinner than she had been.
 - B The woman liked to stand in the dark.
- _____

