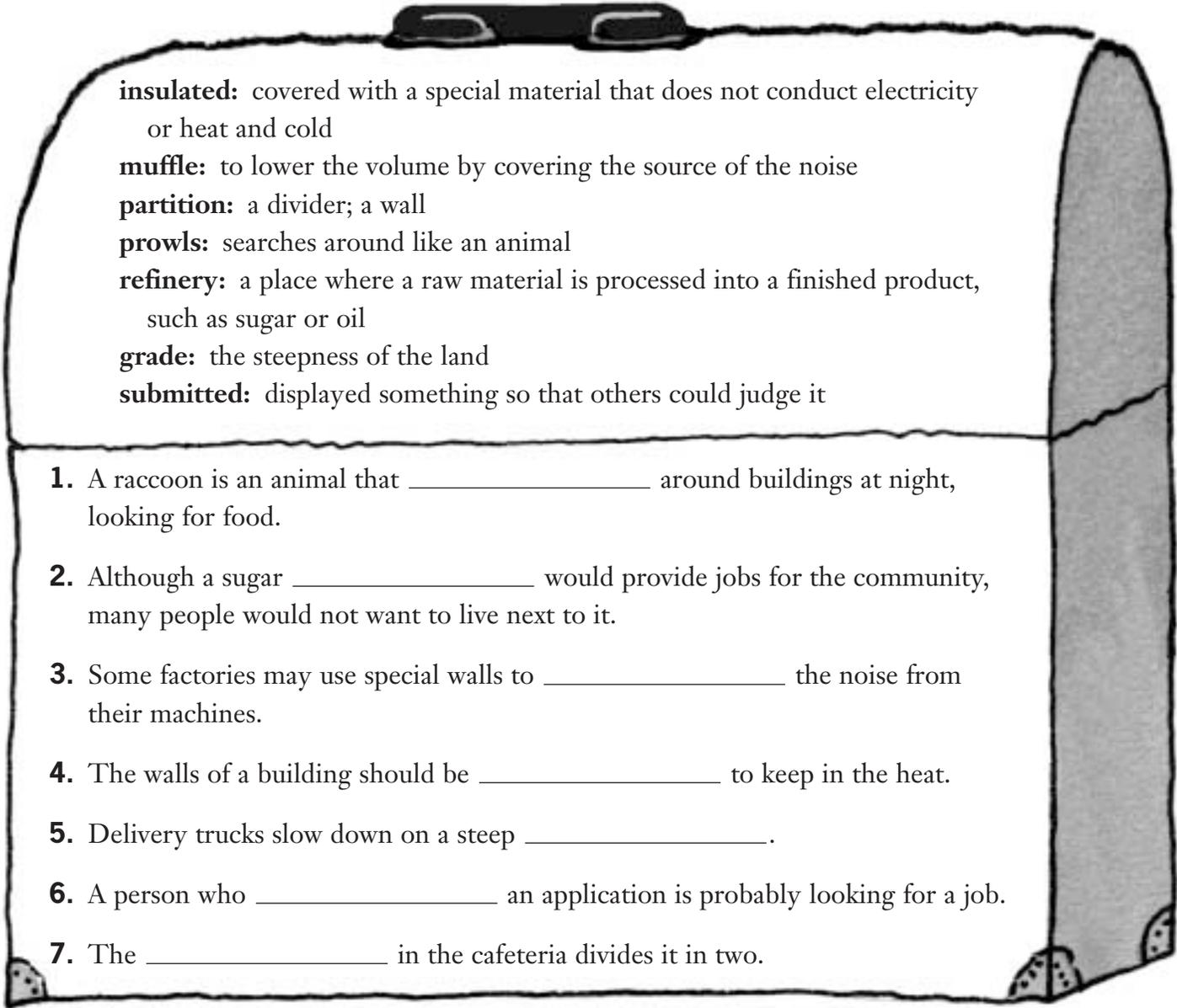


► Read the Vocabulary Words and their definitions. Write the Vocabulary Word that best completes each statement.



insulated: covered with a special material that does not conduct electricity or heat and cold

muffle: to lower the volume by covering the source of the noise

partition: a divider; a wall

prowls: searches around like an animal

refinery: a place where a raw material is processed into a finished product, such as sugar or oil

grade: the steepness of the land

submitted: displayed something so that others could judge it

1. A raccoon is an animal that _____ around buildings at night, looking for food.
2. Although a sugar _____ would provide jobs for the community, many people would not want to live next to it.
3. Some factories may use special walls to _____ the noise from their machines.
4. The walls of a building should be _____ to keep in the heat.
5. Delivery trucks slow down on a steep _____.
6. A person who _____ an application is probably looking for a job.
7. The _____ in the cafeteria divides it in two.

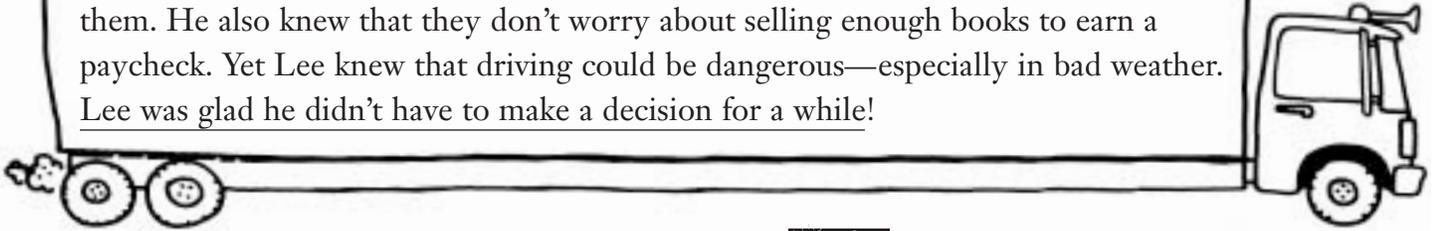
► Follow the directions below.

8. Write a sentence or two describing a time when you went up or down a steep **grade**.

TRY THIS! Think of a job you would like to have. Write two sentences to describe that job. Use a Vocabulary Word in your sentences.

- Read the paragraph. Circle the letter of the best answer to each question. The underlined sentence can help you answer one of the questions.

Lee had never thought of what kind of job he wanted until his teacher asked him. Maybe he could be a writer? It was fun making up stories about people and places. However, he wondered what he would do if he couldn't sell any books. How would he earn money? He also considered being a truck driver like his father. He knew that truck drivers see different parts of the country rather than just write about them. He also knew that they don't worry about selling enough books to earn a paycheck. Yet Lee knew that driving could be dangerous—especially in bad weather. Lee was glad he didn't have to make a decision for a while!



- 1 The writer compares the two jobs by focusing on
- A advantages of being a writer
 - B disadvantages of being a writer
 - C disadvantages of being a truck driver
 - D advantages and disadvantages of each job

 Tip

Put a check mark before the things the writer says about each job. Are they all good, all bad, or a combination of both?

- 2 After making the comparison, the writer concludes that
- F truck driving is better
 - G writing is better
 - H Lee should think of a third kind of job
 - J Lee is lucky he doesn't have to decide right away

 Tip

Reread the underlined sentence. Use it to help you answer the question.

- 3 Someone who chose to become a writer instead of a truck driver might
- A want a regular paycheck
 - B enjoy studying people's characters
 - C enjoy working outdoors
 - D like to drive in bad weather

 Tip

Choose the answer choice that tells something that a writer would most likely do.

