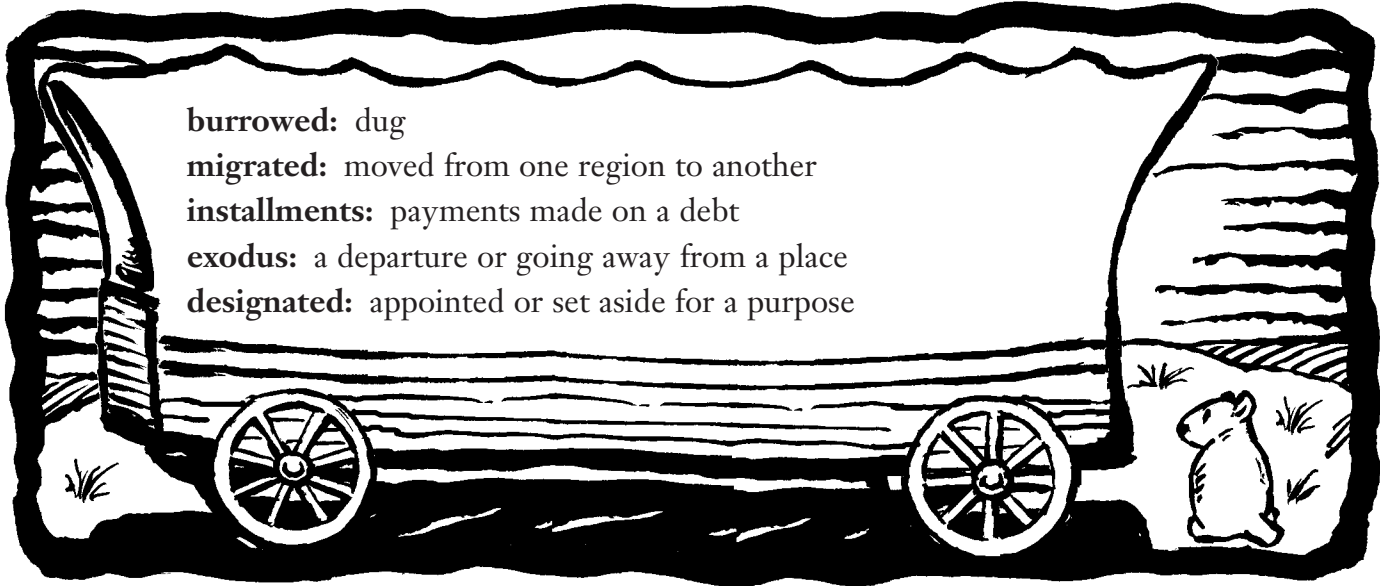


► Read the Vocabulary Words and their definitions. Then read the clues below. Write the Vocabulary Word that best fits each clue.



1. Tunnels in the soft earth were made by a chipmunk who did this. _____
2. Land can be paid for in this way. _____
3. This describes the movement of a group of people leaving their homes forever. _____
4. This is what you are if have been chosen or appointed to lead a group. _____
5. This is what birds did last winter when they flew from north to south. _____



► Write the Vocabulary Word that fits with each group of words.

6. tunneled, dug, _____
7. selected, chosen, _____
8. departure, exit, _____
9. journeyed, traveled, _____
10. payments, parts, _____

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

Homesteading on the Great Plains required bravery and hard work. Land had to be cleared of rocks and grass before crops could be planted. Settlers needed seeds for planting. They needed enough food to eat until harvest time. Since there were no stores, pioneers learned to brew teas from wild grasses. They made their own soap and shampoo from plants. Most of all, homesteaders needed a home to protect them from the weather. Constructing a dwelling of sod or mud adobe was their highest priority.

- 1 Which is the best summary of this passage?

- A Settlers made things like soap and shampoo because there were no stores.
- B Settlers' homes were made of sod or adobe.
- C Land had to be cleared of rocks and grass.
- D Settlers worked hard to farm the land and build their homes.

**Tip**

Choose the sentence that pulls together all the important information in the paragraph, not just one detail.

- 2 Which is the best paraphrase of the first sentence?

- F The Great Plains was not a place for the strong-willed and hard-working.
- G Settlers on the Great Plains had to have courage and had to work hard.
- H Homesteading was rarely done on the Great Plains.
- J Homesteading on the Great Plains required persistence and bravery.

**Tip**

A good paraphrase will substitute different words but still carry the same meaning.

- 3 Which is the best paraphrase for the last sentence?

- A Dwellings were constructed of sod or mud adobe.
- B Building a sod or mud adobe home was their most important task.
- C Constructing a dwelling of sod or mud adobe was their highest priority.
- D Sod and mud adobe were more important than dwellings and construction.

**Tip**

Choose the answer that replaces *constructing*, *dwelling*, and *priority* with simpler synonyms.



► Read the information in each chart or graph. Then circle the answers to the questions.

Train Number 303 Times			Distance (in miles)
9:20 A.M.	Depart	Chicago, IL	0
12:15 P.M. 12:38 P.M.	Arrive Depart	Springfield, IL	185
3:05 P.M. 3:30 P.M.	Arrive Depart	St. Louis, MO	284
9:10 P.M.	Arrive	Kansas City, MO	567

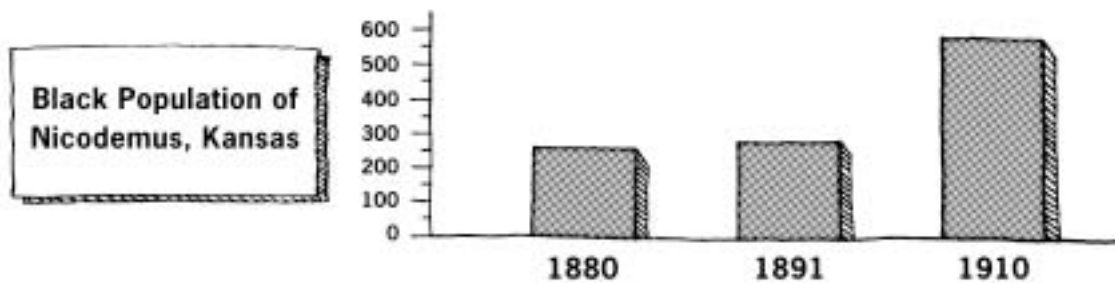
- How is the information in the train schedule organized?
A alphabetically
B by time
C by date
- What time does the train arrive in Kansas City, Missouri?
F 567
G 9:10 P.M.
H 3:05 P.M.

GLOSSARY

adobe: brick made of sun-dried clay
homesteader: settler given land by the U.S. government

reaper: machine that cuts grain
sod: layer of ground containing grass and roots

- How are the words in the glossary organized?
A alphabetically
B in numerical order
C in a graph
- What other information is organized in the same way as words in a glossary?
F items in a grocery list
G results of marathon race
H entries in an encyclopedia



- To show how the population of Nicodemus, Kansas, grew over time, which date would you start with? **A** 1880 **B** 1910 **C** 1891



SCHOOL-HOME CONNECTION With your child, look at a packaged food nutrition label. Talk about the kinds of information on the label and how the information is organized.