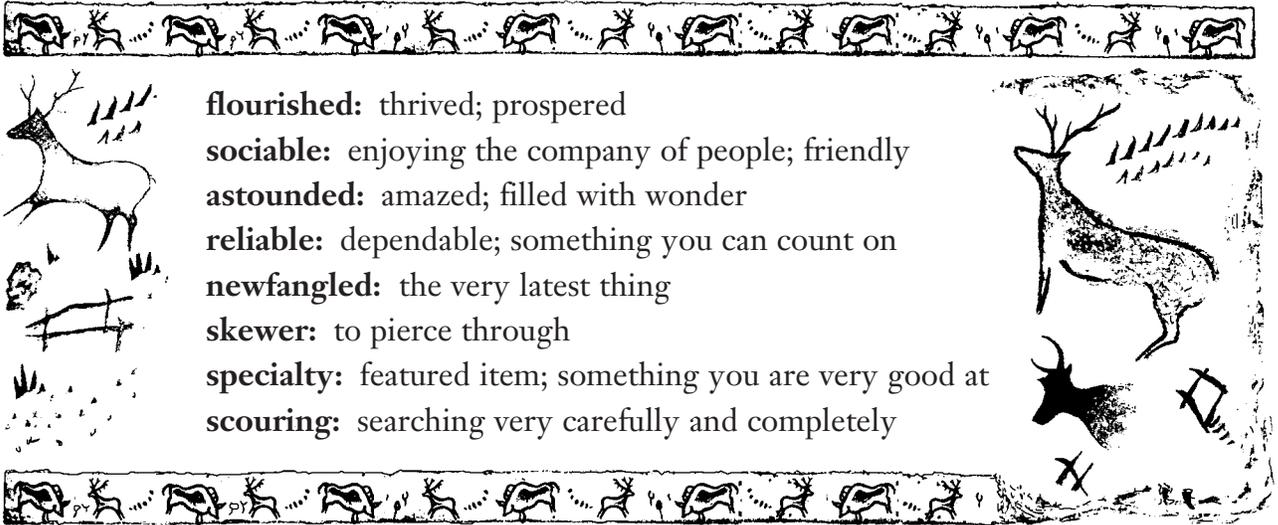


- Read the Vocabulary Words and their definitions. Then write the Vocabulary Word that best completes each sentence.



1. Consuela was a \_\_\_\_\_ person who enjoyed going to parties.
2. Brad used a fork to \_\_\_\_\_ a tomato on the vegetable tray.
3. Rana wanted a part-time job and spent time \_\_\_\_\_ the Help Wanted ads in the newspaper.
4. Grandma thought of microwaves, computers, and television as \_\_\_\_\_ inventions.
5. Dad's \_\_\_\_\_ is pizza, which he makes better than anyone.
6. Because Kate was \_\_\_\_\_, her parents decided she could handle more responsibility.
7. Grandpa was \_\_\_\_\_ the first time he saw a television.
8. Kyle's garden \_\_\_\_\_ because he watered it regularly and pulled the weeds.

- Write the Vocabulary Word that has the closest meaning to the words in each group.

9. shocked, amazed, \_\_\_\_\_
10. modern, up-to-date, \_\_\_\_\_

- Read the paragraph. Then circle the letter of the best answer to each question. The underlined sentence will help you find the main idea of the passage.

After eating an animal's meat, Stone Age people would scrape its skin clean. Then they would drape it over their shoulders for warmth. After a short time, though, the skin would rot. Over time, people learned how to preserve hides and make leather from them. They stretched out the skins and set them to dry in the sun. Drying made the hides stiff and hard, but these hides lasted much longer. People rubbed oil and fat into the skins to soften them. Some people even chewed on hides to make them more flexible. Later, people discovered a natural substance, tannic acid—or *tannin*—that preserved leather.

- 1 What is the main idea of this paragraph?

A Stone Age people wore skins for warmth.  
B People learned how to make leather.  
C Skins rotted after a short time.  
D Tannin preserves leather.



Tip

Find the underlined main idea sentence. Which answer choice means the same thing as the underlined sentence?

- 2 Which sentence(s) best support the main idea of the paragraph?

F sentences 1–3  
G sentence 4 only  
H sentences 5–9  
J sentence 9 only



Tip

Remember the paragraph's main idea. Which sentence or sentences gives details related to that main idea?

- 3 Which detail would NOT support the paragraph's main idea?

A Tannin—which can be used for treating animal skins—is found in some trees' bark.  
B Some early people soaked animal skins in ashes.  
C Softened skins were more comfortable.  
D People hunted animals for meat.



Tip

Think of the main idea. Which sentence *does not* seem related to the main idea?



**SCHOOL-HOME CONNECTION** With your child, examine paragraphs in newspapers. Have your child identify main ideas in the paragraphs. Are these main ideas clearly stated or not?

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

Making art has always been important to human cultures. It was especially important to early people. These people made the amazing cave paintings found in France and Spain. They created these works of art deep inside caves. The artists used torches or crude candles to light up the caves. Instead of brushes, they used sticks or their fingers. They made paint from natural substances mixed with animal fat or blood. Many paints were poisonous. Still, some artists put paint in their mouths and blew it through hollow bones onto cave walls.

- Which of the following statements is a generalization?
  - Making art has always been important to human cultures.
  - The artists used torches or crude candles to light up the caves.
- Read your answer to question 1. Which word makes it a generalization?
  - always
  - used
- Reread the last two sentences of the paragraph. What generalization can you make based on them?
  - Early painters had no desire to live.
  - Early painters were willing to take risks to make art.

- **Each sentence in the box is a generalization. Choose the best generalization for each statement. Write it in the blank.**

**Many cave painters were fine artists.**  
**Many people today appreciate ancient art.**  
**Cave painting by early people was widespread.**

**Tip**

A generalization uses “general” words like *all*, *always*, *every*, *many*, and *everywhere*.

- Thousands of people have visited sites of early cave paintings.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- There are cave paintings in Europe and in North America.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Some cave paintings of hunts are expertly done and show a lot of emotion.  
\_\_\_\_\_

