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Voyage of Words

Instructions: Read each passage carefully. The bolded word may be unfamiliar. Using clues from the sentence, write what you think the word means in your own words. Then confirm the best match from the answer choices.

1. "Aeneas, torn between love and **pietous** duty, resolved to sail onward though his heart was heavy."
 - **Question:** What does *pietous* most nearly mean? _____
 - Choices: (A) Brave, (B) Dutiful to gods/family, (C) Angry, (D) Careless
2. "The queen's spirit, consumed by a **baleful** fire, prepared the pyre with trembling hands."
 - **Question:** What does *baleful* most nearly mean? _____
 - Choices: (A) Joyful, (B) Ancient, (C) Holy, (D) Harmful or deadly
3. "With **tempestuous** force, Juno unleashed the winds, scattering the Trojan fleet across the sea."
 - **Question:** What does *tempestuous* most nearly mean? _____
 - Choices: (A) Stormy and violent, (B) Peaceful, (C) Small and weak, (D) Timid
4. "Anchises, now but a **shade**, came forth in the underworld to guide his son."
 - **Question:** What does *shade* most nearly mean in this context? _____
 - Choices: (A) Darkness, (B) Ghost or spirit, (C) Shelter, (D) Illusion
5. "Turnus stood with a **formidable** presence, striking fear into both friend and foe."
 - **Question:** What does *formidable* most nearly mean? _____
 - Choices: (A) Weak, (B) Foolish, (C) Inspiring fear or respect, (D) Small
6. "The Trojans, though weary, found **respite** on Sicilian shores before resuming their voyage."
 - **Question:** What does *respite* most nearly mean? _____
 - Choices: (A) Short rest, (B) Celebration, (C) Defeat, (D) Warning