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Ideas in Sentences or Paragraphs

Directions: Read each passage. Think about how the bolded word connects to the rest of the passage. Use the sentence and paragraph structure to figure out its meaning. Some questions will be multiple-choice, and others will ask for a written explanation.



1. The campers were told to pack lightly and only bring **indispensable** items. That meant no video games, extra shoes, or anything they could live without for a week. Only things like medicine, a flashlight, and a sleeping bag made the list.

What does “indispensable” most likely mean?

- A. Not necessary
- B. Expensive
- C. Absolutely needed
- D. Fun or enjoyable

2. After the election results were announced, the mayor gave a speech with a **conciliatory** tone. Though he had lost, he congratulated the winner, emphasized unity, and encouraged his supporters to respect the democratic process.

What does “conciliatory” most likely mean? *Explain your reasoning using clues from the paragraph.*

3. The team was **elated** when they found out they made it to the championship game. They jumped up and down, hugged each other, and shouted in excitement. Even the coach had tears of joy in his eyes.

What does “elated” most likely mean?

- A. Extremely happy
- B. Confused
- C. Nervous
- D. Tired

4. Jenna was known for her **tenacity**. Even when her science experiments failed again and again, she refused to give up. She changed variables, retested hypotheses, and worked late into the night until she got the results she was looking for.

What does “tenacity” most likely mean? *Explain your reasoning in 1-2 sentences.*
