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Mystery Word Mission

Directions: Read each short narrative. Use the sentences around the **bold word** to figure out what it means. Then write the meaning in your own words.

1. Mia forgot her umbrella. When she stepped outside, a **gusty** wind pushed her hair back and almost knocked her sideways. Leaves flew through the air and the trees bent and shook.

Meaning of **gusty**: _____

2. After running three laps in P.E., Carlos was **parched**. His throat felt dry and scratchy, and he could not stop thinking about cold water. As soon as the teacher said it was okay, he hurried to the water fountain.

Meaning of **parched**: _____

3. The library was quiet, but the main **corridor** was busy. Students walked up and down the long hallway, passing classrooms and lockers on both sides. At the very end of the corridor was the principal's office.

Meaning of **corridor**: _____

4. Please be careful with Grandma's vase. It is very **fragile**. If you drop it even a little, it could crack or shatter into tiny pieces, and she would be very sad.

Meaning of **fragile**: _____

5. When the power went out, the room was **dim**. We could still see a little because of the small night light, but the corners of the room were mostly dark and shadowy.

Meaning of **dim**: _____

6. Jada was **reluctant** to ride the huge roller coaster. Her friends begged her to try, but she felt nervous and unsure. She moved slowly toward the line, not really wanting to get on.

Meaning of **reluctant**: _____

7. The puppy was **exhausted** after playing fetch all afternoon. He flopped onto his bed, closed his eyes, and did not even move when someone walked by with food. He had no energy left to run anymore.

Meaning of **exhausted**: _____