



## Summit Meanings

**Directions:** Read the passage carefully. Pay attention to the bolded words. Use context clues to decide the meaning of each bolded word. Circle the letter of the best answer.

### The Mountain Journey

As the hikers began their climb, dark clouds gathered and the wind grew **ominous**, hinting that a storm might arrive. Still, the group pressed forward with **tenacity**, refusing to give up despite the steep path. Halfway up, one hiker noticed a **glimmer** of sunlight breaking through the clouds, giving them hope to continue. At the peak, the view was **majestic**, with snowcapped mountains stretching endlessly across the horizon. Everyone felt a deep sense of **gratitude**, thankful for the chance to share such an unforgettable experience together.

1. What does the word **ominous** most likely mean in this passage?  
A. Bright and cheerful  
B. Funny and playful  
C. Calm and peaceful  
D. Threatening or foreboding
2. What does the word **tenacity** most likely mean in this passage?  
A. Determination and persistence  
B. Laziness or lack of effort  
C. Surprise or shock  
D. Happiness and joy
3. What does the word **glimmer** most likely mean in this passage?  
A. Loud crash of sound  
B. Strong flash of fire  
C. Small, faint light or sign  
D. Heavy blanket of darkness
4. What does the word **majestic** most likely mean in this passage?  
A. Grand, impressive, and beautiful  
B. Plain and ordinary  
C. Dangerous and frightening  
D. Small and unimportant
5. What does the word **gratitude** most likely mean in this passage?  
A. Anger at unfairness  
B. Thankfulness and appreciation  
C. Nervousness or worry  
D. Pride in success