

## Sample Paragraphs and Questions

### **grain:**

I like cereal made from whole grains. My favorite kind of grain is wheat. Grain is a type of grass. It is used for foods such as bread and cereal. Wheat, oat, rice, corn, rye, and barley are grains.

*Grain* means:

- A. A type of grass used for food
- B. Breakfast foods
- C. A large lawn

### **spacious:**

The ocean looked spacious from the boat. The water seemed to go on forever. Spacious means that something is very large. It sometimes also means that something, such as a room or building, has a lot of space inside.

*Spacious* means:

- A. Having lots of water
- B. Very large or having a lot of room
- C. Looking like a beautiful ocean

### **amber:**

Alicia used an amber-colored paint to color a wheat field. Yellow alone was not the right color for the wheat field. Brown alone was not the right color either. Amber is a brownish yellow color. Amber is golden.

*Amber* means:

- A. Made of gold
- B. The color of a field
- C. A yellow-brown color

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### **majesties:**

The Rocky Mountains are majesties. One mountain, Mount Elbert, is so high. It reaches over 14,000 feet! Majesties are things that are so great that they make you stop to look at them. Majesties is the plural of majesty. Majesties are also things that are important.

*Majesties* means:

- A. Mountains
- B. Places outdoors
- C. Things that are great or important

### **plain:**

We crossed a huge plain on our train trip. The plain was dotted with trees and farms. The land seemed to go on forever and ever. A plain is a very large area of land that is wide open and flat. The area called the Great Plains goes from Montana to Texas. It also goes through Canada and Mexico.

*Plain* means:

- A. A large aircraft
- B. A flat shape
- C. A large, flat area of land

### **brotherhood:**

The campers formed a lasting brotherhood. They shared six weeks of fun and friendship. Brotherhood is a feeling of friendship. It makes you treat people like your own brothers.

*Brotherhood* means:

- A. A group of brothers
- B. A feeling of friendship
- C. Facing challenges

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