Unit 2
Basic Skills
Lesson 4a  Vocabulary

Sample A  consider this idea
○ ignore       ○ think about
○ agree with   ○ like

Sample B  raise a flag
○ lift         ○ fly
○ lower        ○ hold

TIPS
Think about where you heard or read the underlined word before. Try each answer in the blank.

For Numbers 1 and 2, find the word that means the same or about the same as the underlined word.

1  liberty for everyone
○ freedom       ○ work
○ vacation      ○ food

2  long journey
○ story         ○ road
○ movie        ○ trip

For Number 3, find the word that means the opposite of the underlined word.

3  thrilling ride
○ long          ○ exciting
○ boring        ○ interesting

For Numbers 4 and 5, read the sentence with the missing word and then read the question. Find the best answer to the question.

4  The weather will ____ tomorrow.
Which word means the weather will get better?
○ improve       ○ worsen
○ change        ○ vary

5  The ____ followed the rabbit into the forest.
Which word means a dog followed the rabbit into the forest?
○ traveler      ○ hound
○ hunter        ○ hawk
Lesson 4a Vocabulary

Sample

C  The _____ swam in the pond.
    You have to _____ your head here.

    fish  duck  children  lower

    ○    ○    ○    ○

TIPS

Use the meaning of the sentence to find the answer.

For Numbers 6 and 7, read the sentences. Then choose the word that correctly completes both sentences.

6  Who will _____ this problem?
   The _____ on the shovel is broken.
   ○ solve  ○ cause
   ○ blade   ○ handle

7  Can I take your _____?
   She will _____ him to do it.
   ○ order  ○ tell
   ○ coat    ○ hat

For Numbers 8 and 9, read the story. For each blank, look at the words with the same number. Find the word from each list that fits best in the blank.

Mr. Ramsey’s class _____(8)____ at the museum in the morning.
   The students _____(9)____ looking at the paintings. They had lunch before they returned to school.

8  ○ came    ○ arrived
    ○ wandered  ○ played

9  ○ enjoyed  ○ sometimes
    ○ required  ○ patiently
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Lesson 4b Vocabulary

Sample A
firm grip
- weak
- slippery

Sample B
send a message
- write
- understand

Tips
Be sure you understand what to do for each item.

For Numbers 1 and 2, find the word that means the same or about the same as the underlined word.

1. a good pitch
   - catch
   - throw
   - ride

2. brush a horse
   - ride
   - catch
   - groom

For Number 3, find the word that means the opposite of the underlined word.

3. uneven road
   - smooth
   - bumpy

For Numbers 4 and 5, read the sentence with the missing word and then read the question. Find the best answer to the question.

4. Cutting the onions made Casper _____.
   Which word means cutting the onions made Casper cry?
   - satisfied
   - tired

5. The _____ was filled with water from the storm.
   Which word means the man-made waterway was filled?
   - canal
   - lake
   - sea
   - pond
Sample

C  Hector _____ his shirt on a thorn.
   tore  folded  handed  grabbed
   ○       ○       ○       ○

Tips

Skim the items. Answer the easiest items first.

For Numbers 6 and 7, read the sentences. Then choose the word that correctly completes both sentences.

6  Janna will _____ the table.
   This _____ of books is rare.
   ○ clear  ○ move
   ○ group  ○ set

7  My _____ is broken.
   Let's _____ a movie.
   ○ watch  ○ rent
   ○ toy  ○ radio

For Numbers 8 and 9, read the story. For each blank, look at the words with the same number. Find the word from each list that fits best in the blank.

Jim ____ (8) ____ Michele's bike to ride through the park.
His bike had a flat tire. He wouldn't be able to ____ (9) ____
   a new tire until next week.

8  ○ found  ○ borrowed
    ○ lost  ○ disliked

9  ○ inflate  ○ purchase
    ○ require  ○ express