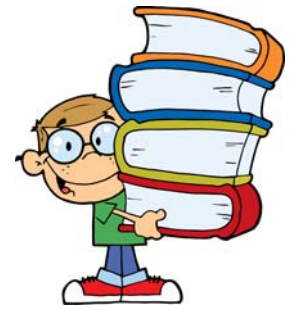


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## Verifying Word Meanings

# Determining Meaning



**DIRECTIONS:** Read each sentence. Choose the correct meaning for each underlined word.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Jill decided not to climb the mountain after she saw the precarious route.  
A. enormous B. dangerous
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Ryan's parents pay him for every A he earns, to reinforce the importance of good grades.  
A. strengthen or support B. remind
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. If you want to be healthy you must make exercise a priority.  
A. something more important than something else B. enjoyable
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. When the engines died, the plane plummeted.  
A. coasted B. fell
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. We don't have any vanilla beans but we do have vanilla extract.  
A. a substance in concentrated form B. flavoring
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. My skin doesn't do well in this arid climate.  
A. cool and wet B. hot and dry
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. The ship's captain was looking for a beacon in the storm.  
A. a guiding light B. a port
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. When Jane started studying, she really began to excel in school.  
A. be very good at something B. fall behind in something
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. For budget reasons, we had to terminate three employees.  
A. kill B. fire from a job
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Penny loves to mimic people when they are angry.  
A. imitate B. tease
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. The defendant's family wasn't there when the judge delivered her verdict.  
A. speech B. ruling
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Hank and Sarah wrote their own wedding vows.  
A. promises B. memoirs