**Legend**

Section 2 (pages 50-109) Vocabulary Words

**Section A. Underline the context clues (single word or phrase) that help to determine the meaning of the boldfaced word in each sentence. On the line, write a self-generated definition (single word or phrase) of each word.**

1. The veterinarian, so as not to hurt her, **gingerly** placed the bandage over the cat’s wound.

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2. People potentially exposed to the virus are asked to **quarantine** themselves for 10 days to reduce the spread of the disease.

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3. I already knew how **agile** Day is. Surviving a two-and-a-half-story fall proves that much.

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4. Once we got home, my mother **rebuke(d)** me for the rude comment I made in the restaurant.   
  
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5. If you raise your hand during a class discussion to ask how many more minutes of class there

are, you have asked an **inane** question.  
  
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6. Our family’s van blew a tire only 1 mile from town. My **optimistic** mother stated, “At least it blew before we got on the interstate.”

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1. gingerly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

A. disapproval; reproof (noun); to express disapproval or reproof (verb)

B. quick and well-coordinated in movement; nimble; quick (adj)

C. silly; foolish; stupid; senseless (adj)

E. working for or being employed by another in order to learn a trade; training (noun)  
  
F. hopeful and confident about the future of any event or situation; a mental attitude or view that interprets any event or situation as being best (adj)

G. with great care or caution; carefully; gently (adv)

2. apprenticeship \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. agile \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. rebuke \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. inane \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. optimistic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_