

## VOCABULARY QUIZ

for the story "The Hole" by Jim Peterson

1. Fill in the blanks with the correct verb forms as they appeared in the story. Possible forms are *infinitive* (*to swear*), *simple past* (*swore*), *past participle* (*sworn*) and *gerund* (*swearing*). Choose from the verbs provided.

a) One day, after \_\_\_\_\_ in The Hole to \_\_\_\_\_ biology, they were \_\_\_\_\_ to come out for a math test.

to skip

to hide

to force

b) Jonathan \_\_\_\_\_ he could \_\_\_\_\_ his missing toes, and Tami could \_\_\_\_\_ her missing teeth with her missing tongue.

to wiggle

to swear

to lick

c) They \_\_\_\_\_ as if from a single voice: "We have chosen you, because you have gradually \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves from your friends and family over several years.

to respond

to withdraw

2. Finish writing the *past participle* of the missing verbs:

a) It appeared as if someone had **bu** \_ \_ \_ \_ a hole in the wall with a sledgehammer.

(Definition: to break, e.g. in a violent and short motion)

b) Inside, there was what **se** \_ \_ \_ \_ to be an old walled-off dressing room.

(Definition: to give an impression of being something; to suggest a reason for something without being fully convinced)

c) Then the entrance **dis** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ .

(Definition: to vanish, to become invisible, to be gone instantly)

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3. Use each of these verbs only once to complete the following exercises.

to skip

to seem

to realize

to disappear

to ace

to swear

to gain

to approach

to rush

Fill in the blank with the simple past of the correct verb.

- a) They \_\_\_\_\_ to the hospital once they found out he was sick.
- b) They couldn't wait any longer so they \_\_\_\_\_ the line and went straight to the front.

Fill the blank with the infinitive of the correct verb.

- c) I could \_\_\_\_\_ I just saw a ghost.
- d) She really wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ the test, so she studied every night for 3 weeks.

Fill in the blank with the gerund of the correct verb.

- e) We saw the smoke as we were \_\_\_\_\_ the house.
- f) I stopped \_\_\_\_\_ weight when I started exercising more.

Fill in the blank with the correct verb in the correct form.

- g) He didn't \_\_\_\_\_ that he was lost until it got dark.
- h) The spots on his face should be \_\_\_\_\_ after a couple of days.
- i) They decided not to go. It \_\_\_\_\_ too risky to climb the mountain without a guide.

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4. Match the infinitive forms of the verbs on the left with the correct definitions on the right. Write the number of the definition next to the verb. Tip: The verb itself should not appear in the definition.

### *Verbs*

### *Definitions*

a) to realize \_\_\_\_

1) to do very well at something; to get the best score, e.g. on a school assignment

b) to acquire \_\_\_\_

2) to gain, to become the owner of; also: to buy, to purchase

c) to ace \_\_\_\_

3) to come near or closer to something or someone

d) to gain \_\_\_\_

4) to take something away from someone without their permission; to illegally take what is not yours

e) to approach \_\_\_\_

5) to acquire; to accumulate; to get an advantage

f) to rush \_\_\_\_

6) to become aware of something; to understand after long thought

g) to continue \_\_\_\_

7) to move quickly; to run because one is in a hurry

h) to steal \_\_\_\_

8) to go on, to not stop, to add to an existing series of actions