

Name: _____

Think about it.

Think about the last time you **escorted** someone. Why were you escorting that person?

Read each phrase. Match the beginning of each sentence with the best ending. Make sure you read your completed sentences aloud.

The guide dog
escorted

the President to the
meeting.

The father
escorted

the blind woman into the
store

The police
officer escorted

his child across
the street

The bodyguard
escorted

the criminal into
the squad car.

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escorted

Guides who knew the western trails well often **escorted**, or led, travelers.



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swelled

The number of wagons heading west **swelled**, or grew, in the 1850s.



Think about it.

Would you be worried if your ankle **swelled**?

Why or why not?

What does the word **swelled** mean in each sentence below.

The river **swelled** after the storm.

My finger **swelled** after I accidentally hit it with a hammer.

The sail **swelled**, and the boat was finally able to make it back to the harbor.

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relied

This family built a house of sod. They **relied**, or depended, on materials they found.



Think about it.

On whom have you **relied** to do things for you?

Why do you trust that person?

Looking at the table, decide which of these people you have **relied** on. What have you **relied** on them to do?

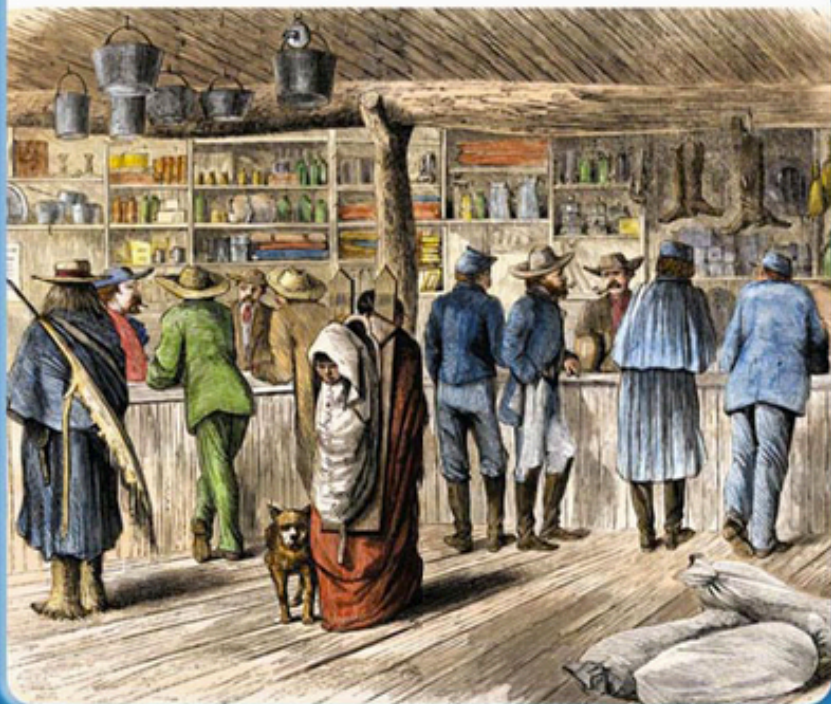
Person	Have you relied on him or her?	If yes, for what?
A parent		
A teacher		
A bus driver		
A brother or sister		

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reputation

When customers were happy about a shop, its owner earned a good **reputation**.



Think about it.

How can a person's reputation affect his or her life?

Circle the qualities you would like to be part of your reputation. Be prepared to discuss your choices!

Quality

honesty

meanness

courage

intelligence

greed

determined

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worthy

This plot of land was **worthy**, or valuable. It had rich soil and access to water.



Think about it.

Who would think that good soil makes a plot of land more **worthy**?

Answer these questions to think about the word **worthy**. Be prepared to discuss your answers with a partner.

What features might make one house more **worthy** than another house for a large family?

Sometimes similar clothing items at different stores have different prices. What might make one more **worthy** than the other?

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churning

Dark clouds and **churning** winds over the plains could signal a tornado.



Think about it.

What could cause water to be churning?

Read the sentences below. Decide which ones use churning in a way that makes sense.

Does this make sense?
Why or why not?

The gust of wind turned the neat pile of leaves into a churning mess.

The windows are churning brightly in the sunlight.

My churning stomach contents are the result of too much pizza.

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situation

Mail carriers were prepared for any **situation**, or event, as they rode alone.



Think about it.

What **situation** are you in right now?

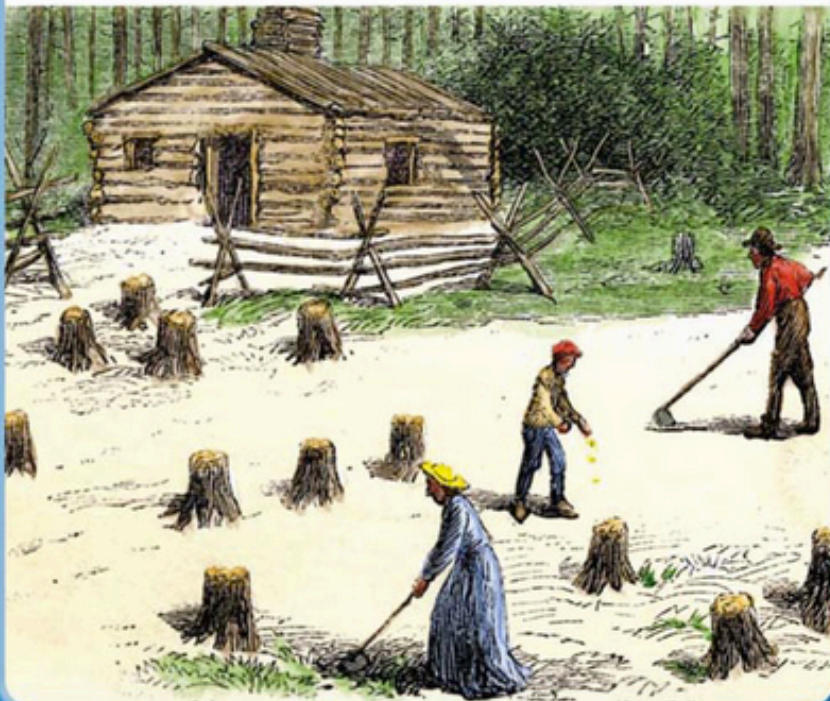
Describe it in as much detail as possible.

Think of different **situations**. Sometimes a **situation** is good. Sometimes a **situation** is bad. Complete the table below and sort into the two columns the first four situations that come to mind.

Good Situations	Bad Situations

deserve

Kids who worked hard on the farm would **deserve** an occasional treat.



Think about it.

Do you think you **deserve** to be treated as an adult? Why or why not?

Read each sentence to yourself.

Decide if the word **deserve** makes sense in the sentence.

I think I _____ to be able to stay out late tonight.

Do you _____ to have dessert if you did not eat your vegetables?

A house cat is a different sort of cat than a tiger.

What category of fish do you think is the most interesting?

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defended

Westward travelers
defended themselves
 from harm by circling
 their wagons.



Think about it.

Think about an action or idea that you have **defended**.

What was the situation, and why were you defending the action or idea?

Think about different things that can be **defended**. Find some in the list below. Decide the best way to defend each of these things:

A person's right to get a good education	
A country's borders	
A person's right to speak his or her opinion	
A little brother against bullies	

satisfied

Despite the hard work and danger, some settlers were **satisfied** with life in the West.



Think about it.

Are you **satisfied** with your grades in school?

Why or why not?

Match each person or creature with the way he, she, or it showed that it was **satisfied**. Then, read each completed sentence aloud.

A toddler who opened
a gift

licks its lips and
goes to sleep.

A student who
got a test back

smiles and gives
a friend a high
five.

A wolf who
just ate.

jumps up and
down and cheers