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Think about it.

What character traits help to overcome difficulties?

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Read each situation. Based on the information provided, decide whether the person was able to **overcome** the problem.

Situation

Did the person overcome the problem?

The firefighter rescued the kitten from the tree.

I lost my homework, and I still cannot find it.

My mother missed her plane and won't get to her meeting on time.

The battery in my toy died, so I replaced it with a new one.

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## overcome

Cesar Chavez worked hard to **overcome**, or conquer, hardships.



## association

These kids have formed a group, or **association**, that cleans up beaches.



Think about it.

To which association would you like to belong to when you are an adult? What do you like about that association?

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Decide whether each one below is an association.

A parent-teacher group

People waiting for a bus

A student club

A crowd at a mall

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## capitol

A state **capitol** is a building where lawmakers can make and change laws.



Think about it.

Have you ever seen or been inside your state's capitol building? If so, what was it like? If not, would you like to visit it?

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Decide which of these activities happens inside a capitol.

Activity	Does it happen in a <i>capitol</i>
Representative debate	
Laws are passed	
Fruit is picked	
Important documents are stored	

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## drought

In the 1930s, a **drought**, or lack of rain, made life hard for many farmers.



Think about it.

What can you do to conserve water during a drought?

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Brainstorm a list of words that are connected with a drought.

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## dedicate

Martin Luther King Jr. wanted to **dedicate** his life to equality. It was his life's work.



Think about it.

If you could **dedicate** your life to just one purpose, what would it be?

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Read the following story starter. Continue telling the story about someone who plans to **dedicate** her free time to becoming a great drummer.

Celia had always wanted to play drums. One day, she decided to **dedicate** her free time to becoming a great drummer.

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## publicity

The media can spread **publicity**, or news, about events and causes.



Think about it.

How is publicity about movie stars usually spread?

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When a new movie opens, a lot of publicity is created. Some of it is good publicity, and some of it is bad publicity. In the chart below, put each type of publicity listed in the correct column in the chart.

1. Advertisements in magazines
2. News articles about a star behaving badly
3. TV interviews with the director
4. Poor reviews by movie critics

Good Publicity	Bad Publicity

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## violence

Many people believe change should come through peaceful ways, not **violence**.



Think about it.

Why are many people concerned with movies that show violence?

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Which of the following is an example of violence? Why are the others not examples of violence?

A tree falls on a car

A person punches another person

Citizens protest peacefully outside a capitol building.

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## conflicts

Most **conflicts**, or disagreements, can be solved by talking things over.



Think about it.

What do you think is the best way to solve conflicts? Why?

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Read each sentence to yourself. Then decide in which sentence the word **conflict** makes sense.

We resolved our \_\_\_\_\_ by talking through our problems.

Have those two countries always had \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Did you and Jose \_\_\_\_\_ the books?

I read about interesting ways to solve \_\_\_\_\_ .

I saw many \_\_\_\_\_ in the phone book.

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## horizon

In the fields, Chavez often worked until the sun fell below the **horizon**.



Think about it.

What does the **horizon** look like at sunset where you live?

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Think about the words **horizon** and *horizontal*. What do the two words have in common? Draw and label an illustration of the **horizon** and a *horizontal* line.

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## brilliant

The bright, brilliant colors of the American flag symbolize freedom.



Think about it.

Do you like to wear colors that are brilliant?  
Why or why not?

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Read the following sentences and decide which ones use **brilliant** correctly.

The noon sunlight is brilliant.

That parrot's colors are so brilliant!

The brilliant mud is all over my boots.