

Vocabulary Power

Instructions: Read each of the sentences under the riddle. Then write the answer to each riddle in its numbered blank.

What Does This Word Mean?

1. What does the word *glance* mean? _____
I always glance at my spelling words before I take the weekly test.
As he ran to school, he glanced at the time and saw that he was late again!
2. What does the word *promptly* mean? _____
Tommy always came home promptly on Tuesday, so he could watch his TV show.
The firefighters arrived promptly, but the house burned to the ground anyway.
3. What does the word *foul* mean? _____
The little boy shocked us all by the foul language he was shouting.
When the skunk escaped, he left a foul smell in the house.
4. What does the word *dew* mean? _____
In the early morning, you can see dew on every leaf and branch.
When we woke up, our tent was wet with dew, but we were warm and dry
5. What does the word *shallow* mean? _____
The water in the river was too shallow for swimming, but just right to cool off our toes.
Mom told the children to remain in the shallow end of the swimming pool.
6. What does the word *gloomily* mean? _____
After hearing that his favorite TV show was canceled, Tommy walked home gloomily.
After they lost their final game, the soccer team walked gloomily back to the showers.
7. What does the word *collapse* mean? _____
The earthquake caused many old buildings to collapse.
Just as Tommy started eating, the chair collapsed under his weight and he fell to the floor.