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¹ **sur-vey** /sər vā'/ *v.* [ME, from *surveien*, to look over + to see]
1. To question a group of people to gather their opinions
2. To look closely at someone or something to make a decision
3. To measure a plot of land
² **sur-vey** /sûr' vā/ *n.*
4. A specific set of questions used to gather information

1–4. Read the dictionary entry for *survey*. Write the number of the definition that best fits the meaning of the underlined word.

1. The captain surveyed the valley looking for a place to camp.
2. The revolutionary conducted a survey of all townspeople to see how they felt about the British laws.
3. The engineer will survey the land before the new bank is built.
4. Jane will survey the girls, and Dan will survey the boys about their interest in student government.

bracing *adj.*

Causing or giving energy and liveliness

Synonyms energizing, refreshing, invigorating, renewing

embark *v.*

To set out on an adventure

Synonyms begin, launch, approach, commence, enter, initiate

5–6. Replace the underlined word with a synonym from the sample thesaurus entries above.

5. The bracing wind felt good on the soldier's hot face.
6. Before embarking on the journey across the Delaware River, General Washington worried about the enemy soldiers following his troops.

shattered *adj.* Broken into pieces by force; smashed

Write a sentence using the glossary word above. Use the word in the same way as given.

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