

Reference Materials

The Birchbark House
Vocabulary Strategies:
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1–8. Read each sentence carefully. Circle the choice that is the most accurate synonym for the underlined word. Use a dictionary and thesaurus as needed.

1. Omakayas had to stay calm during her encounter with the bear.
(support, remain, stick)
2. The patter of the hail hitting the roof was loud. (chatter, speech, tap)
3. The horse could be distinguished by the blaze on his nose. (light, stripe, proclaim)
4. They sewed a cloak from the hide. (conceal, shelter, pelt)
5. She will bow to her grandmother as an outward sign of respect.
(bend, yield, arc)
6. The mother bear did not desert her cubs; they wandered off.
(wilderness, leave, reward)
7. The baby bears were very content to play with Omakayas.
(ingredients, subject, satisfied)
8. She decided to bore a hole through the shell and wear it on a string.
(tire, drill, pest)

9–10. Write an original sentence for both meanings of the word below.

9. bluff ¹ *n.* The act of deceiving.
10. bluff ² *n.* A steep cliff.