"Thanks for letting me help out in your pet shop, Uncle Bill," Sarah said. "I won't disappoint you."

"You can start by feeding the guinea pigs," her uncle told her. "Just be careful and make sure you close up the pen when you're done. Those little guys love to escape."

"No problem," Sarah said.

She got the bag of guinea pig food and opened the pen. The phone rang while she was working. Uncle Bill talked for a minute, then walked up to her.

"Sarah, I've got to run out for a few minutes," he said. "I've got a hamster emergency to take care of."

"I'll take good care of things while you're gone," Sarah promised.

Uncle Bill left, and Sarah poured the guinea pig food into the bowl in the pen. The little animals crowded around the bowl. Then Sarah heard a crash. She turned around to see that one of the plastic fish bowls had fallen over. She ran to the bowl and quickly scooped up the fish. She put the fish in another bowl and cleaned up the water. Then she went back to the guinea pig pen.

"Oh no!" Sarah cried.

She had accidentally left the pen open. The guinea pigs had escaped!
**accidentally**  ac·ci·dent·al·ly

Advanced Definition

adverb

1. without intention or planning.

\[\text{I pushed him accidentally, not on purpose!}\]

\[\text{I'm sorry, but I accidentally broke your vase.}\]

Spanish cognate

*accidentalmente*: The Spanish word *accidentalmente* means accidentally.

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These are some examples of how the word or forms of the word are used:

1. She had **accidentally** left the pen open.

2. Two researchers, Spencer Silver and Arthur Fry, **accidentally** invented Post-it Notes.

3. While playing at your uncle's house, you **accidentally** knock over and break his bowling trophy.

4. If another player **accidentally** kicks you, he or she will hit the shin guard instead of your leg.

5. Gavin said he thought the wall would stop people from **accidentally** stepping on the castle and smashing it.

6. If a blister **accidentally** breaks, wash the area with soap and water, then apply an antibiotic ointment and a gauze bandage.

7. The first time I photographed the Dalai Lama, I was so excited that I **accidentally** opened the back of the camera and ruined the film.

8. Everyone has moments in their lives when something is **accidentally** said or done---when words best left unspoken aren't, and when harm is done but not intended.
**disappoint**  dis·ap·point

**Definition**

verb

1. to cause someone to feel sad because of not doing or receiving something.

   *Tony's poor grades disappointed his parents.*

**Advanced Definition**

transitive verb

1. to fail to fulfill the expectations, wishes, or hopes of.

   *Not getting the scholarship she'd hoped for naturally disappointed her.*

   *The show's writers were disappointed by its poor ratings.*

   *The young man's uncharitable behavior toward his sister disappointed his parents.*

2. to prevent the fulfillment of (desires, plans, expectations, or the like); thwart; frustrate.

   *The foul weather disappointed the crew's expectation of making land by nightfall.*

**These are some examples of how the word or forms of the word are used:**

1. Americans were greatly **disappointed** by Harrison's death. They expected great things from their new leader.

2. "Um, I can't," she said. "My mom wants to take me clothes shopping tonight." Alexis was **disappointed**.

3. Have you ever had a dream in which you were flying? I haven't. But two weeks ago, I had a dream in which everyone except me was flying. That was **disappointing**.

4. Shelly had short blonde hair and a round face, and when she was **disappointed** (like when a parent forgot cut-up oranges for the girls to eat at games during half-time), the corners of her mouth hung down.

5. And then, just as quickly, he came crashing down, his arm outstretched, snapping as it hit the ground. He had cried, knowing that his father would be **disappointed** and that he wouldn't be able to swim again until next summer.

6. Sequoyah was excited to teach other Cherokee people how to read and write. He traveled
from town to town offering to teach anyone who was interested. Sequoyah was disappointed to find that almost nobody wanted to learn to read or write.

7. Mom stayed a good few yards ahead of me, and I struggled to keep her from hiking out of my sight. I could tell she was disappointed in my attitude, but I was too out of breath to even suggest I was sorry. And I wasn't really sorry, anyway.

8. The Mona Lisa might be the most recognized painting in the world. I was able to see it in person at the Louvre (pronounced "loove") Museum in Paris, France. When I first saw it, I was surprised by how small the portrait is. I was disappointed because I was not able to get a close look at it.
**escape**  es·cape

**Definition**

**verb**

1. to get free from something; to get away.

*The dog escaped out the front door.*

*The prisoner escaped from jail.*

**Advanced Definition**

**intransitive verb**

1. to free oneself from physical confinement.

*I tried to close the door quickly, but the cat escaped.*

*Two prisoners escaped from the prison during the night.*

2. to avoid capture or other danger; get away.

*The house was on fire, but the family was able to escape.*

*Though roadblocks were set up, the criminal escaped.*

3. to leak out, as a fluid or gas.

*The gas was able to escape because the seal was not tight.*

**transitive verb**

1. to get away from; avoid; evade.

*He escaped going to prison because of his youth.*

*Some people are able to escape punishment for their crimes.*

*The little boy tried to escape being smothered with kisses by his well-meaning aunt.*

2. to elude (recollection or notice).

*Fortunately, the insult escaped his notice.*

3. to slip out from by mistake, as a remark or comment.
The remark escaped my lips before I could reconsider.

**noun**

1. the act or an instance of freeing oneself or escaping from physical confinement.

   Escape from such a prison was thought to be impossible.

   It is still unclear how the captives made their escape.

2. avoidance of, or a way in which to avoid, an unpleasant or harmful event or situation.

   As soon as he arrives at these dreaded social functions, he starts planning his escape.

   Her escape from committee duties allowed her more time with her family.

   The patient had suffered so much that he saw death as an escape.

3. a way to avoid reality.

   The movies are a good escape.

4. a means of getting away from something harmful.

   Most apartment buildings are equipped with a fire escape.

**Spanish cognate**

*escape:* The Spanish word *escape* means escape.

**These are some examples of how the word or forms of the word are used:**

1. Some left their home countries to escape wars.

2. You can often see the gas escape as water vapor.

3. She lived during a time when it was illegal to help slaves escape to freedom.

4. The Underground Railroad was a system of secret routes that helped slaves escape to free states.

5. Have a home fire escape plan. Draw the plan and talk about it. The drawing should show two ways out of each room.
1. The following was not part of the rising action of this passage:
   A. Sarah left with Uncle Bill.
   B. Uncle Bill left the shop.
   C. The fish bowl fell over.
   D. Sarah left the cage open.

2. The main problem in this story is
   A. Sarah ran out of guinea pig food.
   B. the guinea pigs escaped.
   C. the fish bowl fell over.
   D. there was a hamster emergency.

3. The theme of this passage is
   A. hard work.
   B. pet care.
   C. family.
   D. responsibility.

4. Uncle Bill left because
   A. he needed to buy more pet food.
   B. there was a hamster emergency.
   C. the fish bowl fell over.
   D. the guinea pigs escaped.

5. What should Sarah do? Write a conclusion to the story.

   ________________________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________
1. What is a meaning of the word disappoint?
   A. to displease by underperforming
   B. gush forth in a sudden stream or jet
   C. mark for deletion, rub off, or erase

2. What is another meaning of the word disappoint?
   A. gather or contract into wrinkles or folds
   B. notify of danger, potential harm, or risk
   C. fail to meet the hopes of

Please use each answer choice only once. Choose the one word that best completes the sentence.

3. And the _____ is called the center of the circle.
   A. points
   B. disappointed
   C. appointed
   D. pointed
   E. point
   F. pointing
   G. appointment

4. A compass _____ to the north.
   A. points
   B. disappointed
   C. appointed
   D. pointed
   E. point
   F. pointing
   G. appointment
5. Joy _____ to the coin again.
   A. points
   B. disappointed
   C. appointed
   D. pointed
   E. point
   F. pointing
   G. appointment

6. A chairperson is elected by the class or _____ by the teacher.
   A. points
   B. disappointed
   C. appointed
   D. pointed
   E. point
   F. pointing
   G. appointment

7. He walked with his toes _____ out, like this.
   A. points
   B. disappointed
   C. appointed
   D. pointed
   E. point
   F. pointing
   G. appointment
8. After several days, he returned, _____.
   A. points
   B. disappointed
   C. appointed
   D. pointed
   E. point
   F. pointing
   G. appointment

9. The vet checks the _____ book in his examining room.
   A. points
   B. disappointed
   C. appointed
   D. pointed
   E. point
   F. pointing
   G. appointment

10. Please write your own sentence using the word **disappoint**.

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11. What would you like to remember about the meaning of the word *disappoint* so that you can use it when you write or speak?
1. What is a meaning of the word **accidentally**?
   - A. with boldness, in a bold manner
   - B. according to logical reasoning
   - C. of a minor nature

2. What is another meaning of the word **accidentally**?
   - A. to a great extent or degree
   - B. without care or concern
   - C. without advance planning

Please use each answer choice only once. Choose the one word that best completes the sentence.

3. They make sure that people don't break rules that might end in an _____.
   - A. accidental
   - B. accident
   - C. accidents
   - D. accidentally
   - E. accidently

4. It was _____ knocked into the water by the rocks.
   - A. accidental
   - B. accident
   - C. accidents
   - D. accidentally
   - E. accidently
5. The trap shouldn’t hurt any human who _____ touches it.
   A. accidental
   B. accident
   C. accidents
   D. accidentally
   E. accidentially

6. The history of science is full of stories of _____ discoveries.
   A. accidental
   B. accident
   C. accidents
   D. accidentally
   E. accidentially

7. Ships that carry oil can have _____ called oil spills.
   A. accidental
   B. accident
   C. accidents
   D. accidentally
   E. accidentially

8. Please write your own sentence using the word **accidentally**.

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9. What would you like to remember about the meaning of the word accidentally so that you can use it when you write or speak?
1. What is a meaning of the word escape?
   A. to give a sign of
   B. a way to get free
   C. to group together

2. What is another meaning of the word escape?
   A. to avoid danger
   B. to find
   C. to make

Please use each answer choice only once. Choose the one word that best completes the sentence.

3. Instead, it tries to hide or _____.
   A. escaped
   B. escape
   C. escaping
   D. inescapable
   E. escapes

4. In all the chaos, the bulls quickly _____.
   A. escaped
   B. escape
   C. escaping
   D. inescapable
   E. escapes
5. The _____ air is what makes the horn's sound.
   A. escaped
   B. escape
   C. escaping
   D. inescapable
   E. escapes

6. The octopus, which has turned black, _____.
   A. escaped
   B. escape
   C. escaping
   D. inescapable
   E. escapes

7. There is one other _____ fact too.
   A. escaped
   B. escape
   C. escaping
   D. inescapable
   E. escapes

8. Please write your own sentence using the word escape.

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   ________________________________
9. What would you like to remember about the meaning of the word **escape** so that you can use it when you write or speak?