Vocabulary Practice

cunning  rash  deference  reel
dissuade  sustain  precipitous  veer

A. Directions: Write the word from the box that best completes each description.

1. If you stagger from an impact, you ________________.
2. When you treat someone with great respect, you are showing ________________.
3. When a path descends sharply and steeply, its descent is ________________.
4. Someone who is clever in a sneaky way is ________________.
5. If you change direction suddenly, you ________________.
6. If someone attempts to convince you not to do something, he is trying to ________________ you.

B. Directions: Circle the word or phrase that is opposite in meaning to the boldfaced word.

1. veer  go straight  turn  let go  change
2. reel  roll  orbit  stabilize  redo
3. precipitous  rocky  level  dangerous  frightening
4. deference  honor  applause  disrespect  love
5. cunning  gullible  clever  crafty  different
6. dissuade  oppose  distract  persuade  repent
ICARUS AND DAEDALUS / PHAÉTHON, SON OF APOLLO

Reading Skill

DRAW CONCLUSIONS ABOUT MULTIPLE THEMES

A theme is a message about life or human nature that the writer wants readers to understand. Myths often have multiple themes. When themes are not directly stated, you have to draw conclusions to help you identify them.

A. Directions: As you read, note the consequences of a character’s actions, lessons learned by the main character, and the cultural values that are taught.

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B. Directions: Use the chart to draw conclusions about themes in Greek myths. Write three themes below. Remember that a theme is stated as a complete sentence.

Theme 1: ____________________________

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Theme 2: ____________________________

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Theme 3: ____________________________

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**Text Analysis**

**CULTURAL VALUES IN MYTHS**
Myths of every culture reveal the values of the society in which they were created. These cultural values are standards of behavior, believed to be necessary to lead a good life. In ancient Greece, myths often celebrated these values:
- obey your elders
- know your place
- respect and obey the gods

**Directions:** In this chart, list the line numbers of the passages from each myth that reveal the values of ancient Greece. In the last box, record another value that these two myths convey. Then cite passages from each myth to support it. An example has been done for you.

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