



Reading Skill: Working out the meaning of unfamiliar words

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Some questions test your ability to understand the meaning of the words that you may not know. There are three steps to answering such questions:

- 1** Look for the word in question in the text. Read the sentences near the word to get some hints.
- 2** Read the options carefully and underline the keywords.
- 3** Replace the word in the text with each option to see which one fits the context best.

Give it a try!

e.g.1 In the poster, the word '**staff**' means 'people who _____'.

- A. join the fun games B. shop at the candy shop
 C. work for the candy shop D. come to the opening party

Look for the word '**staff**' in the poster. You can see that it comes after the word '**our**'. Since Sweet Tooth Candy Shop made the poster, you can infer that **the 'staff' are the people who are highly related to the shop.** According to the poster, the '**staff**' are going to prepare games and give out free candies at the opening party. So, **the 'staff' are the people who help the shop do these two tasks.** Option C is the correct answer because it fits the context best.

e.g.2 In the poster, the word '**rewards**' means 'things that people get _____'.

- A. after they prepare some fun games
 B. because of their good work
 C. after they go shopping
 D. because they have a sweet tooth

Look for the word '**rewards**' in the poster. You can see that people can get some free yummy candies if they are **the winners** of the fun games. The word '**winners**' here refers to the people who **do very well** in the games and that is the reason why **they can get the rewards (candies).** Therefore, option B is the correct answer.