

Word Detective Quest

Word Meaning, Connotation & Figurative Language

Name: _____ Date: _____

Circle the best answer for 1 and 2. Answer 3 in complete sentences.

1. The root "chron" means time. What is a "chronometer"?

- (A) A tool that measures time
- (B) A tool that measures heat
- (C) A tool that measures sound
- (D) A tool that sees far

2. "The ancient ruins were dilapidated: crumbling walls, broken windows, and a collapsing roof." What does "dilapidated" mean?

- (A) New and shiny
- (B) In ruins or falling apart
- (C) Very large
- (D) Brightly colored

Read: Read two descriptions of the same dog. A: "The pup bounded across the lawn, ears flopping, tail wagging like a flag." B: "The mutt lunged across the yard, teeth bared, growling like distant thunder."

3. How does word choice create a different tone in each description? Support your answer with evidence.

Use RACE: Restate, Answer, Cite, Explain.

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Total: 5 points. Mastery: 4 or more.

#	Answer	Points
1	(A) A tool that measures time	1 point
2	(B) In ruins or falling apart	1 point
3	R: Word choice creates a different tone in each description of the dog. A: Description A has a playful, happy tone, and Description B has a threatening tone. C: A uses "pup," "bounded," and "tail wagging like a flag," while B uses "mutt," "lunged," "teeth bared," and "growling like distant thunder." E: This shows that positive connotations and a cheerful simile make the dog seem friendly, while negative connotations and a stormy simile make the same dog seem dangerous.	3 points: Names both tones; Quotes words from A and B; Explains connotation/simile effects.