

Verifying Word Meanings

Directions: Read the passages below, paying particular attention to the bold words. Rewrite each passage in your own words to show that you understand what it means. Use a dictionary to verify your inferences.

1. Her **sincerity** was touching. We all knew that Carol was **dedicated** to the cause, but as the date of the festival **loomed**, her inability to actually accomplish anything was filling all of us with anxiety. We didn't want to lose her **allegiance**, but there was no longer any denying the fact that Carol was going to have to be replaced, and fast.



2. When I have something really important bothering me, I like to take a day or two off of work and travel to some **remote** location. Being in a **secluded** place helps me to think. I have always found silence to be a **refuge**. Nine times out of ten, in these conditions, the answer comes to me **spontaneously**, and when I return home, I know what to do to solve my problem.
