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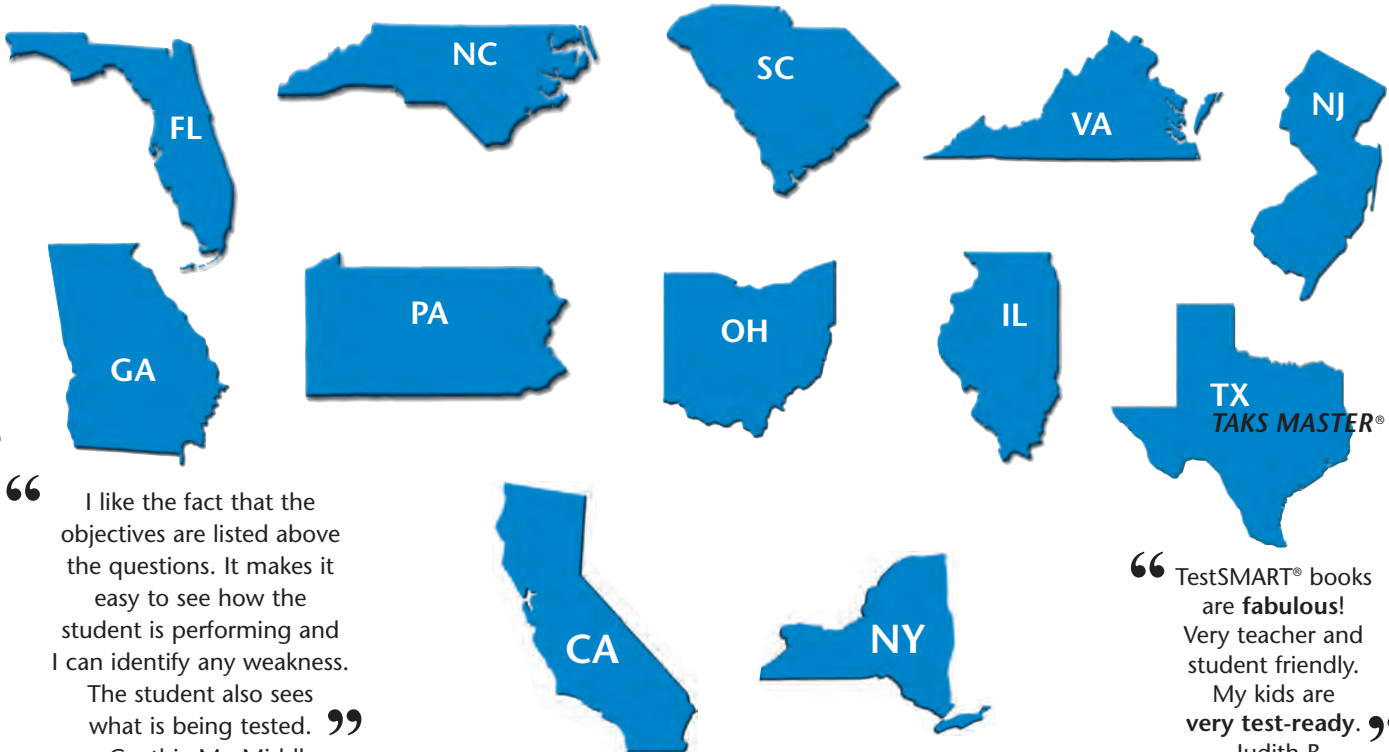
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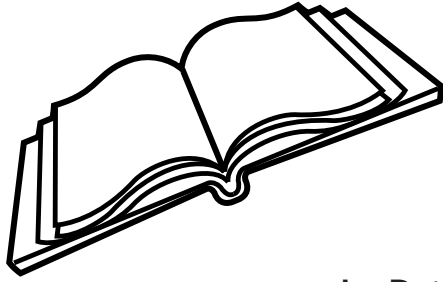
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# Vocabulary

- I. Determine the meaning of words in written texts
  - B. Use context clues to determine word meaning
  - C. Recognize correct meaning of words with multiple meanings
  - D. Demonstrate knowledge of synonyms and antonyms

## Practice 1: Synonyms

Directions: Read the following phrases. Find the word that has the same or about the same meaning as the bolded word. On your answer sheet, darken the circle for the correct word.

1. **conquer** your fears

- A protect
- B extend**
- C compare
- D overcome

2. **exchange** the gift

- A remove
- B trade**
- C purchase
- D steal

3. a lovely **melody**

- A answer
- B sight**
- C tune
- D memory

4. a **responsible** student

- A likeable
- B dependable**
- C removable
- D remarkable

5. a strong **odor**

- A smell
- B meaning**
- C sense
- D excuse

6. **conduct** the orchestra

- A reduce
- B expand**
- C question
- D direct

7. the team's **banner**

- A boss
- B victory**
- C flag
- D uniform

8. a **delightful** program

- A terrible
- B wonderful**
- C careful
- D failed

9. **witness** a crime

- A stop
- B see**
- C report
- D arrest

10. **educate** the students

- A correct
- B remember**
- C excuse
- D teach

## Practice 2: Synonyms

Directions: Read the following phrases. Find the word that has the same or about the same meaning as the bolded word. On your answer sheet, darken the circle for the correct word.

1. the **regular** time for dinner

- A past
- B secret
- C normal
- D easy

2. looking **glum**

- A sad
- B angry
- C upset
- D away

3. the king's **cloak**

- A crown
- B castle
- C robe
- D power

4. **ripples** in the water

- A stones
- B pictures
- C waves
- D plants

5. a school **zone**

- A area
- B building
- C grounds
- D hallway

6. a dance **couple**

- A teacher
- B pair
- C floor
- D plan

7. **spare** tire

- A flat
- B usual
- C extra
- D old

8. **accept** the offer

- A take
- B need
- C remove
- D refuse

9. **shield** from harm

- A walk
- B protect
- C excite
- D make

10. a **feeble** old man

- A famous
- B weak
- C sneaky
- D scary