“Broken Chain”

A. Match words and definitions. Write the letter of the correct definition next to each word.

   ___ 1. apparent   a. grumpy; resentful
   ___ 2. sullen      b. came out
   ___ 3. impulse     c. visible; easily seen; obvious
   ___ 4. retrieved   d. got back
   ___ 5. emerged     e. urge; sudden force

B. Choose two words from above. Use each word in a sentence.

   1. __________________________________________________
      __________________________________________________

   2. __________________________________________________
      __________________________________________________

C. Answer each question below.

   1. Why is the broken chain a problem for Alfonso?
      __________________________________________________
      __________________________________________________

   2. Why do Alfonso and Ernie fight?
      __________________________________________________
      __________________________________________________

   3. How is the brothers’ conflict resolved?
      __________________________________________________
      __________________________________________________

   4. At the end of the story, what makes Alfonso feel better about himself?
      __________________________________________________
      __________________________________________________
Broken Chain
Gary Soto

Your Throw!
Test your vocabulary skill. Draw a line from the dart beside each Vocabulary word to the area of the dartboard that indicates how well you know each word. The center bull’s-eye represents perfect understanding of the word.

Context Clues
Now, read the following sentences, and use the context clues to figure out which of the Vocabulary words above goes in each blank.

1. Alfonso was ____________ because he was depressed about the condition of his bicycle and resentful of how Ernie had treated him.
2. Ernie could see Alfonso’s ____________ frustration, and he finally agreed to let his younger brother use his bicycle.
3. Alfonso turned down the volume on his radio, so the sound ____________ at a low level. Mr. Rojas could not hear it at all.
4. Something inside Sandra urged her to speak to the boy, and before she knew it she had followed this ____________ and asked, “What’s your name?”
5. “Suppose Alfonso had thrown his bike chain in the river,” someone said. “Then he couldn’t have ____________ it because it would have been too hard to get back.”
“Road Warriors, Listen Up”

A. Match words and definitions. Write the letter of the correct definition next to each word.

   ___ 1. vehicle  a. a means of carrying people and things
   ___ 2. hazards  b. person who is walking
   ___ 3. consequences  c. place where two streets meet or cross
   ___ 4. pedestrian  d. results or outcomes
   ___ 5. intersection  e. dangers; risks

B. Choose three words from above. Use each word in a sentence.

1. ______________________________________________
   ______________________________________________

2. ______________________________________________
   ______________________________________________

3. ______________________________________________
   ______________________________________________

C. Answer each question below.

1. What is the best way to protect your head while riding a bicycle?
   ______________________________________________
   ______________________________________________

2. Why should you never ride a bike while wearing headphones?
   ______________________________________________
   ______________________________________________

3. What must you obey in order to bike safely?
   ______________________________________________
   ______________________________________________
Additional Vocabulary Practice

You may use your book to help you answer the questions below.

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<td>1. gaudy</td>
<td>a. joint of the finger</td>
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<td>2. winced</td>
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<td>4. snarled</td>
<td>d. sports utility vehicles; type of car</td>
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<td>5. scram</td>
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<td>8. pager</td>
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<td>10. considered</td>
<td>j. anything that gets in the way; obstructions</td>
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B. Replace the words in parentheses with the correct word from the Word Bank.

1. To Alfonso, it was (easily seen and obvious) __________________ that his teeth were crooked.

2. Alfonso’s father felt (angry and resentful) __________________ when his team lost a softball game.

3. Alfonso resisted the (sudden urge) __________________ to color his hair purple.

4. He (got back) __________________ the chain he had thrown away, but it was broken.

5. Alfonso (came out) __________________ from his classroom and saw Sandra by her locker.