

Cloze Passage 1

obstinate	trivial	sincerely	conceited	exhilaration
eccentric	din	coax	ordeal	disarray
aggravated				

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Cloze Passage 2

fatigued	curious	demolish	repenting
clemency	feign	embrace	credulous

Sarah eased the car into the parking lot. Cutting off the engine she exhaled sharply. All the morning hours spent chasing her kids and doing household chores were making her _____. She was in half a mind to call pick up her cellphone and _____ illness to skip the alumni meet. However, with her daughter Ash sitting beside her and looking at her with a mix of _____ and nervous look on her face, Sarah couldn't do that. Eight year olds are _____ by nature and Sarah didn't want to anything to _____ her daughter's faith in her. Looking at Ash, she realized that her daughter was _____ her earlier behavior. Sarah took her in her _____ calming her down and deciding that the visit would do both them good. On the other hand, having been granted _____ by her mom, Ash looked forward to enjoy every bit of the afternoon.

Cloze passage 3

chaotic	endure	grotesque	errands
candid	besiege	economical	frivolous

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ANSWERS

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