

► Write the Vocabulary Word that best completes each sentence.

bellowing softhearted ration tragedy fateful gadgets

Many tall tales tell of legendary characters who are big both in size and in deeds. Somehow though, we tend to think of giants as unpleasant. Remember the giant in “Jack and the Beanstalk?” Was he kind and (1) _____, or was he mean and scary? If the giant had plenty of food, do you think he would share it freely with others or (2) _____ it in very small amounts?

Can you picture the size of his household (3) _____, such as his can opener or nutcracker? It is a

(4) _____ that because of one mean giant, other giants are thought of in the same way. You would never hear Paul Bunyan

(5) _____ at his pet ox unless he thought Babe was lost. He was the best logger ever. It was a (6) _____ day when Paul Bunyan decided to stop working.

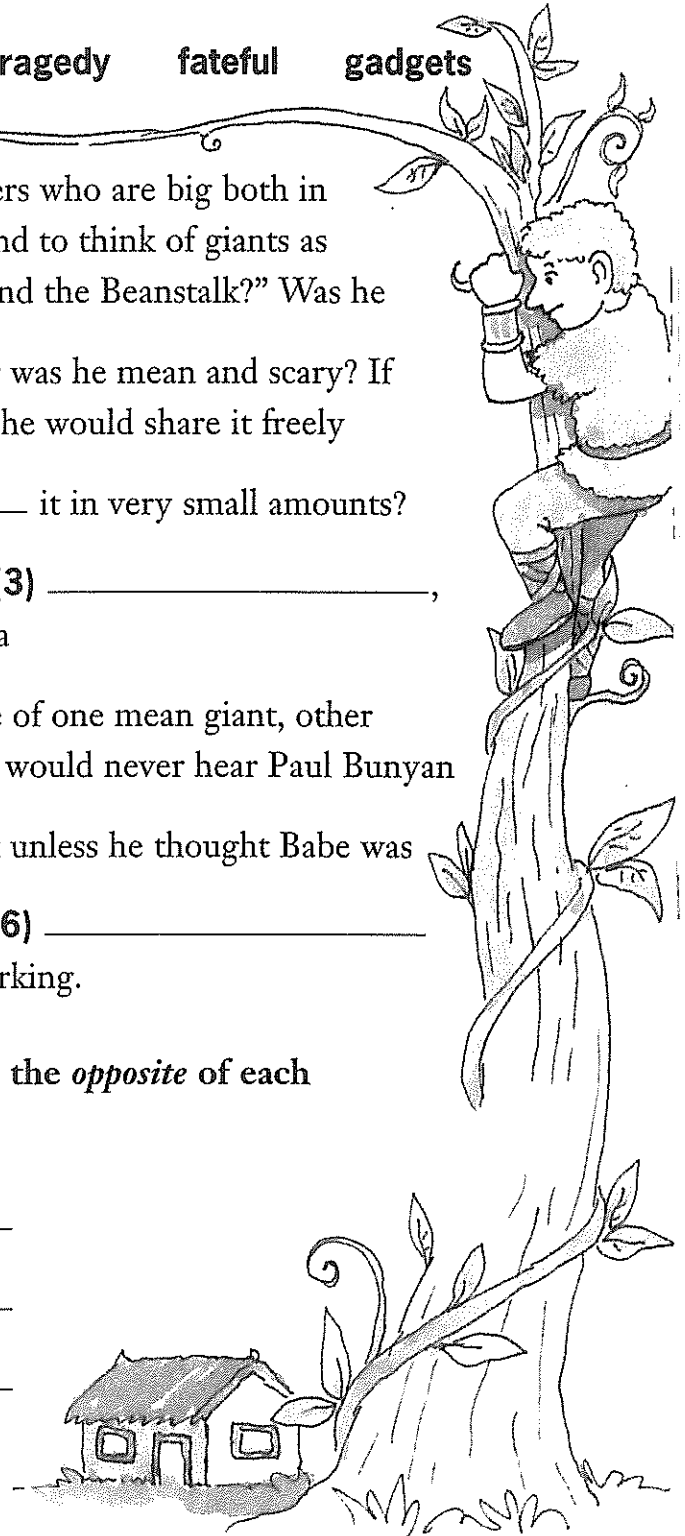
► Write the Vocabulary Word that means the *opposite* of each word below.

7. comedy _____

8. strict _____

9. whispering _____

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Make up your own story about something unusual that Paul Bunyan and Babe did. Use at least two Vocabulary Words.

Skill Reminder fact = can be supported by evidence
opinion = expresses a belief, a judgment, or a feeling

Fact and
Opinion
TEST PREP

- Read the paragraph. Then circle the letter of the best answer to each question.

Many tall tales are about real people, such as Johnny Appleseed and Davy Crockett. My favorite tall tales are about Paul Bunyan, a fictional character. There are many stories about his adventures with his friend Babe the Blue Ox. My sister says that the stories are silly. She says that an ox can't be blue. I don't care what she thinks. These famous American stories are fun to read and reread. One of the funniest stories is about the bees and the mosquitoes. Paul thought he was solving a problem, but he only made things worse.

- 1 Which sentence from the paragraph states a fact?
- A Many tall tales are about real people, such as Johnny Appleseed and Davy Crockett.
 - B My favorite tall tales are about Paul Bunyan, a fictional character.
 - C These famous American stories are fun to read and reread.
 - D One of the funniest stories is about the bees and the mosquitoes.

Tip

Eliminate statements that are clearly opinions.

- 2 Which part of *These famous American stories are fun to read and reread* tells you that it is an opinion?
- F These famous
 - G American stories
 - H are fun
 - J to read and reread

Tip

Descriptive adjectives often reveal an author's opinion.

- 3 Which statement is an opinion?
- A There are many stories about Paul's adventures with his friend Babe the Blue Ox.
 - B Paul thought he was solving a problem, but he only made things worse.
 - C Many tall tales are about real people.
 - D The stories are silly.

Tip

A statement about a fictional character can still be a fact.