

Vocabulary Items

Step 3: Narrow the Choices. Then Choose the Best Answer.

- Try each choice in the context. Which choices are clearly wrong?
- Have a reason for choosing the best answer. Only guess if you have to.

Use Step 3 to choose the best answer for each of these questions.

1. Read these sentences from *Summer on Wheels*:
“Hey, *vatos*,” Sarah taunted. “I’ve been waiting for you since ten this morning.” What does *taunted* mean?

A complimented

C teased

B yelled

D apologized

Use the Think Aloud on Teacher’s Edition page M30 to model using Step 3 to narrow the choices and choose the best answer.

2. Which word means the opposite of *effortlessly* on page 438G?

A awkwardly

C proudly

B easily

D quickly

- **Wrong answers:** B, because Sarah is gliding easily, so *easily* couldn’t be the opposite of *effortlessly*; C, because Sarah is called a *queen*, and a queen is proud, so *proudly* couldn’t be the opposite of *effortlessly*; D, because the opposite of *quickly* would be *slowly* and the waves wouldn’t make Sarah go slowly.
- **Right answer:** A, because *awkwardly* would mean that Sarah is having trouble, when in fact surfing is easy for her; so the opposite of *awkwardly* is *effortlessly*.