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The Wave Chapter 1 Vocabulary-Cloze Lesson

Directions: Place the word from Chapter 1 vocabulary in the blank where its meaning best fits.

Laurie Saunders sat in the publications office at Gordon High School chewing on the end of a Bic pen. She was a pretty girl with short light-brown hair and an almost _____ smile that only disappeared when she was upset or chewing on Bic pens.

Laurie felt the plastic tube of the pen crack. Her mother had warned her once that someday she would chew on a pen until it splintered and a long plastic _____ would lodge in her throat and she would choke to death on it.

Inside, her best friend, Amy Smith ... was trying to endure the final moments of Mr. Gabondi's French class Laurie had taken French with Mr. Gabondi the year before and it had been one of the most _____ boring experiences of her life. Mr. Garabondi was a short, dark, heavysset man who always seemed to be sweating, even on the coldest winter days. When he taught, he spoke in a dull monotone that could easily put the brightest student to sleep...

Standing at the door was a very angry Mr. Gabondi. Behind him Amy and the rest of her class were in hysterics. Laurie's jaw dropped. But before Gabondi could _____ her, the bell rang ...

In the classroom where he taught history, Ben Ross crouched over a film projector, trying to thread a film through the complex maze of rollers and lenses. This was his fourth attempt and he still hadn't gotten it right. Frustrated, Ben ran his fingers through his wavy brown hair. All his life he had been _____ by machinery – film projectors, cars, even the self-service pump at the gas station drove him bananas.

He had never been able to figure out why he was so _____ in that way, and so when it came to anything mechanical, he left it to Christy, his wife.

But other faculty members were more _____ about Ben. Some said he was just young, _____, and overzealous, that after a few years he would calm down and start conducting classes the 'right' way – lots of reading, weekly quizzes, classroom lectures. Others simply said they didn't like the way he never wore a suit and tie in class. One or two might even admit they were just plain jealous.

Generally Ben believed that high school today was a better place for kids to learn than it was when he went. But there were a few things that bothered him. One was his students' _____ attitude about getting to class on time.

As Ross watched, David kneeled beside the projector and went to work _____. In just a few seconds he had it threaded. Ben smiled and thanked him.