Spelling 3

**A Birthday Party Mystery!**

It was Maya's 10th birthday, and her house was buzzing with excitement. Her friends were dressed up as their favorite pop stars, ready for a night of singing and dancing. Maya's dad plugged in the karaoke machine, a **(10) symbol** of pop stardom for the night.

As the first song started, Maya noticed something strange. The **(4) crystal** clear juice bowl had a strange green glow! Was it a **(7) mystery** science experiment gone wrong?

Suddenly, Maya's friend Liam, known for his **(14) hysterical** habits, jumped on the table and started banging on two **(2) cymbals** he found in the kitchen. The loud clanging created a crazy, but somehow catchy **(3) rhythm**. The other kids started clapping and stomping their feet, following Liam's lead. They looked like happy little **cygnets**.

Despite the **(9) typical** birthday cake

missing, and the strange green punch, the party was turning into a unique celebration! Maya grabbed a microphone and started singing along, making up silly **(12) lyrics** about a glowing punch bowl.

Later, they discovered the green glow was caused by a harmless food coloring mix-up. Maya's dad, a **(8) systems** analyst, explained that even **(6) symptoms** that seem like a **(7) mystery** often have a simple explanation.

The rest of the night was filled with laughter, singing (mostly off-key!), and even some impressive dance moves (thanks to Maya's super flexible friend who practically turned into a human pretzel – like a real **(13) gymnast**!).

**Can you answer these questions using synonyms from the passage?**

1. What word from the passage means the same as a beat or a pattern?

Rhythm

1. What word from the passage is the antonym (opposite) of cloudy or foggy?

Crystal

1. What word from means the same as “building blocks for words, or a part of a spoken word?”

Syllables

1. What word from the passage means something you can't explain yet?

Mystery

1. What word from the passage means the same as a set of rules or an organized way of doing things?

System

1. What word means something that is usual or expected?

Typical

1. What is another word for something that represents something else, like a dove for peace?

Symbol

1. What word from the passage means the opposite of calm or under control?

Hysterical

1. What word from the passage means the same as “small baby swan?”

Cygnet

1. What word from the passage means the same as a sign of a disease?

Symptoms

1. What word from the passage means the same as someone who does gymnastics?

Gymnast

**Fill in the blank with the following words**

(Cymbal - lyrics – oxygen)

1. The boy used the oxygen in the tank to be able to swim underwater.
2. The musician can play the cymbal beautifully.
3. The lyrics of the song were magnificent.

Spelling 4

**Sophie's Fancy Adventure**

Ten-year-old Sophie dreamt of a grand adventure. She spent hours pouring over travel **(1) brochures**, imagining herself in faraway lands. One day, she received an invitation to visit her eccentric Aunt Agatha, who lived in a **(15) chalet** high in the Swiss Alps.

The moment Sophie stepped off the train, a **(5) chauffeur** in a smart uniform greeted her. He whisked her away in a luxurious car towards the mountains. The chalet itself was **(10) chic**, with a sparkling **(3) chandelier** hanging in the grand entrance hall.

Aunt Agatha, with her signature **(9) moustache** , was nothing short of **chic**. **(7) Nonchalantly** , she announced they would be making a **(6) quiche** for lunch, then learning to **(11) crochet** scarves in the afternoon.

Sophie’s heart sank. Quiche and crochet didn't exactly scream adventure. But then, Aunt Agatha winked and revealed a hidden **(4) chute** behind a bookcase. With a mischievous grin, she declared, "Let's go explore a secret **(14) niche** in the mountains!"

Down the chute they went, landing in a hidden valley filled with wildflowers. Sophie spent the rest of the day exploring caves, **(8) ricocheting** pebbles across a crystal-clear lake, and feeling the thrill of a real adventure.

That night, snuggled up by the fireplace with a lavender-scented **(12) sachet** tucked under her pillow, Sophie realized the most exciting adventures weren't always found in brochures.

**Comprehension Questions (synonyms):**

1. What is another word for a pamphlet with information about a place?

Brochure

1. What is another word for a driver for a fancy car?

Chauffeur

1. What is another word for a fancy hanging light with many crystals?

Chandelier

1. What is another word for a specialty or an area of interest?

Niche

1. What is another word for fancy or stylish?

Chique

1. What word from the passage means the same as a beach house?

Chalet

1. What word from the passage means the same as upper lip hair?

Moustache

1. What word from the passage means the same as non-caring?

Nonchalant

1. What word from the passage means the same as a savory pie?

Quiche

1. What word from the passage means the same as a special type of knitting?

Crochet

1. What word from the passage means the same as a slide?

Chute

1. What word from the passage means the same as bouncing up and down?

Ricochet

1. What word from the passage means the same as a small bag usually containing sugar, scent or tea?

Sachet

1. What does Chaperone mean? Use it in a sentence.

It means an adult that supervises a group of children, on a trip or during a party.

“The chaperones attended the festival with the kids.”