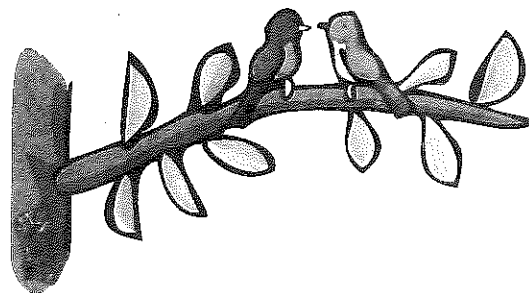


## Coached Example

Read the passage and answer the questions.

I was walking downtown with my mother when we found two little birds on the sidewalk. They must have plummeted from their nests, but when we looked up, all we saw were tall buildings. I wanted to bring them home, but my mother refused. "No, we don't know how to take care of birds," she said.

I beseached her until she finally agreed. On our way home, we passed by the pet shop and stopped to buy some bird food. Surprisingly, my mother was much more interested in feeding the birds than I was. She helped nurse them back to health by feeding them and keeping them warm. We brought them downtown and released them in a park near the place where we had found them.



1. The word plummeted means

- A. flew.
- B. fell.
- C. rose.
- D. looked.

**HINT**

Look at the words and sentences around *plummeted*. Which of the choices could replace *plummeted*?

2. Which phrase from the passage helps you figure out the meaning of beseached?

- A. "until she finally agreed"
- B. "know how to take care of birds"
- C. "to buy some bird food"
- D. "my mother was much more interested"

**HINT**

How is *beseached* being used in the sentence? Which answer choice helps you figure out how *beseached* is being used?

## Thinking It Through

Read the following paragraph, and then answer the questions that follow.

To stop the spread of contagious diseases, doctors recommend that sick people cover their mouths when they sneeze. If people don't cover their mouths, they spread their germs and give other people their cold.

What does the word contagious mean? Which words from the paragraph help you figure out the meaning of contagious?

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Reread the paragraph. Think about how the word is used here.