Critical Vocabulary

▶ Read each sentence. Decide which sentence best fits the meaning of the word in bold print. Circle the letter next to that sentence.

1. flickered

- a. She replaced the light bulb after it began blinking off and on.
- b. She replaced the light bulb because it was too bright for the room.

2. concluded

- a. The concert ended with everyone singing together.
- b. The concert included talented musicians from all over the world.

3. preparations

- a. Alana left the party before me because she had homework to do.
- b. Alana finished getting ready for the party just before the guests arrived.

4. slender

- a. The tree's thin branches break easily in the wind.
- b. The tree's thick trunk and branches are easy to climb.

5. chimed

- a. We all spoke up in support of the new playground plans.
- b. We took turns voting on the new playground plans.

6. gallant

- a. My neighbor helped save the kittens from a burning building.
- b. My neighbor made us laugh with her stories about clown college.