Words Under Repair

Choose closely related words for their exact shades of meaning.

12.L.V.3.e "Make strategic language decisions when writing or speaking by determining, clarifying, or verifying the nuanced meanings of closely related words or phrases using available print and/or digital resources. (C)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle renovation, restore, reconstruction, replication, saved, preserved, tribute, and memorial. Number the four related-word pairs 1–4, then underline nearby words that explain why one word fits better than the other.

A Precise Restoration Report

1. When the Rialto Theater reopened after a fire, local reports called the project a renovation. That word was not quite precise. Workers did more than update seats and wiring. Using photographs and surviving paint samples, they returned the lobby's 1926 colors and repaired plaster designs. The project leader chose restore because the work aimed to bring existing features back to an earlier condition, not simply make the building newer for visitors.

2. Yet restore did not fit every task. The fire had destroyed the balcony's carved panels, so artisans made new panels from archival images. The leader described that work as reconstruction, a term for rebuilding a missing feature from evidence. She avoided replication, although the new panels copied the old design. In her report, replication would stress producing a duplicate, while reconstruction stressed replacing a lost part of the theater itself.

3. Word choice also shaped the theater's public statement. The board did not announce that the landmark was saved; saved could suggest immediate rescue from danger. Instead, it said the landmark was preserved for future use. Preserved emphasized deliberate protection over time, including maintenance plans and fire safety systems. The statement called the reopening a tribute to former craftspeople, rather than a memorial. A tribute expresses respect, while a memorial usually honors someone or something after loss or death.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Why does the project leader reject renovation as the most precise word for the lobby work?

2. Why does the report use reconstruction for the balcony panels instead of replication?

3. What meaning of preserved makes it more precise than saved in the public statement?

4. Why is tribute a better choice than memorial for the reopening statement?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose one pair: imply/infer, economic/economical, or credible/creditable. Use a print or digital dictionary to verify the meanings, then write exactly two sentences about a school decision: use one word correctly in the first sentence and explain why it fits better than its partner in the second.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

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PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why does the project leader reject renovation as the most precise word for the lobby work?	**The work returned existing features to an earlier condition, rather than simply updating the building.**
2	Why does the report use reconstruction for the balcony panels instead of replication?	**The panels replaced a missing feature using archival evidence. Reconstruction stresses rebuilding a lost part, while replication stresses making a duplicate.**
3	What meaning of preserved makes it more precise than saved in the public statement?	**Preserved emphasizes planned, long-term protection and maintenance. Saved can suggest immediate rescue from danger.**
4	Why is tribute a better choice than memorial for the reopening statement?	**A tribute expresses respect for the former craftspeople. A memorial usually honors someone or something after loss or death.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The principal's announcement implies that the library will stay open later. I chose implies because the announcement suggests the change, while readers infer it.

Accept responses that use one chosen word accurately and explain a real distinction between the pair. The second sentence should show evidence of verified meaning, not merely claim that one word sounds better.