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### Word Meanings From Context

*Use the context to help you determine the meaning of each highlighted word.*

1. Your cousin claimed to be late because the doors of his house were frozen shut. Even though I have my doubts, his explanation is **plausible**. It got really cold last night. I'll just have to take his word for it.

If a statement is *plausible*, \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. you must always believe it
- b. you should never believe it
- c. it's hard to understand because it makes no sense
- d. it's believable enough to possibly be true

2. If you don't **curtail** your spending, you'll be broke in no time at all!

Which word is a synonym of "curtail"?

- a. reduce
- b. follow
- c. behind
- d. buy

3. No word must ever leak out about this military action! It has to be a **clandestine** operation in order to succeed.

Which word is a synonym of "clandestine"?

- a. family
- b. useful
- c. dangerous
- d. secret

4. Put this medicine on your arm and rub it into your skin until it's invisible. It will **inhibit** the infection's attempt to spread.

What does “inhibit” mean?

- a. live in a certain place
- b. block or slow down
- c. itch or burn
- d. help to do something important

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