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Read the paragraph. Then answer the questions.

## Word Pairs

Have you ever noticed how some words are used together all the time? It's as if they were partners. For example, people often say "mix and match" or "nuts and bolts." Other words that are often paired are "kiss and tell," "wash and dry," and "meat and potatoes." Perhaps you have used a few of these phrases, too. How many times have you said you were "sick and tired" of something? Have you ever ordered food that was "sweet and sour"? And no doubt you've spent time most days putting on your "socks and shoes."

**mix and match**

1. Fill in the correct circle to show whether each statement is a fact or an inference.

**Fact      Inference**

- A. An example of paired words is "meat and potatoes."
- B. People get in the habit of using certain words together.
- C. The words "socks and shoes" are often used together.
- D. Words used together have a catchy sound.

2. The underlined words in this paragraph are an example of figurative language called

- A. metaphor       B. personification
- C. simile       D. hyperbole

3. In this paragraph, the word noticed means

- A. heard       B. wondered
- C. observed       D. asked

4. The main idea of this paragraph is

- A. people often say "mix and match."
- B. some words don't go together well.
- C. why people say "meat and potatoes."
- D. words that are often said together.