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Worksheet: Find the meaning of a word by context

Please read the following five passages. For each highlighted word, write a substitute word in the space provided that has the same or similar meaning.

*"Jennifer walked on to the boat with her head down, making sure no one noticed. She waited until the coast was clear, then quickly **stowed** her belongings under the bench."*

Substitute word _____

*"I was so tired from playing soccer that I practically fell asleep standing up that night. I dreamt about the game over and over. What a victory! We **pummeled** the competition, 5-0."*

Substitute word _____

*"The zoo is one of my favorite places to visit. I always go straight to the jaguar cages. Their **sleek** fur coats are so pretty to look at."*

Substitute word _____

*"Jason helped his father lift the **hefty** canoe onto the truck. He had always wanted to try canoeing, and this year, his Dad said he was old enough to go. "*

Substitute word _____

*"The truck **lurched** forward. Andy tried to turn the ignition switch again but with no luck. The battery was dead."*

Substitute word _____