## PREVIEW: VOCABULARY MATCHING

**Locate the words on the left in the Essay. Match the words with their definitions on the right. Do not use a dictionary.**

| | WORDS | | DEFINITIONS |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | combustible | (a) | Manage. Cope with. |
| 2. | handle (v.) | (b) | Upright. Perpendicular to the horizon. |
| 3. | propel | (c) | Capable of igniting and burning. |
| 4. | tinker (v.) | (d) | Cause to move forward with force. |
| 5. | volatile | (e) | The process or method to initiate combustion. |
| | | (f) | Easily changing from a solid or a liquid to a vapor. Explosive. |
| | | (g) | Make experimental efforts to repair or improve. |

## READING SKILLS: SKIMMING

**As a strategic reading skill, skimming means *getting the general idea*. Take <u>two minutes or less</u> to run your eyes over the questions below and the Essay. Then choose the best answer to the following questions.**

(1) Carl Benz chose _____ to power his automobile.

a) gasoline
b) electricity
c) compressed air
d) solar energy

(2) The first long-distance journey on Benz's new automobile was undertaken by _____.

a) Carl Benz and his wife, Bertha
b) Carl Benz's wife, Bertha
c) Carl Benz and two children
d) Bertha Benz and two children

## READING COMPREHENSION: SUMMARIZING

**Read the Essay.**

**List the letters corresponding to the following sentences in the best order for a summary of the Essay.**

a) His first three-wheel model had a number of problems. He worked on solutions with the help of his family. It seemed as though he would never stop tinkering.
b) He chose three wheels, and the petroleum product known as *benzin* (gasoline).
c) Bertha and the boys tired of waiting, and finally took the car out themselves for its first long-distance ride.
d) In building the world's first successful gasoline-powered automobile, Carl Benz had to address many issues, such as the number of wheels and the type of fuel.