

**Stop the Sun (page 48)****Words to Know SkillBuilder****Words to Know**

chant      dry      founder      inert      persist

**A.** Write the word from the word list that belongs in each numbered blank.

I like the taste of Gell-O, but I don't like how it wiggles.  
 My brother and my sister do; it gives them both the giggles.  
 I think that, all in all, I have to say that, for dessert,  
 I'd much prefer the foods that are more steady and (1).

\_\_\_\_\_ (1)

Up on stage, I'm a fish out of water, a flounder.  
 My verbal abilities fail, and I (2).

\_\_\_\_\_ (2)

His talk was full of names and dates and facts from A to Z;  
 It was both long and (3) to an unusual degree.  
 Nobody interrupted, no one did so much as cough.  
 Perhaps that was because the listeners had all dozed off.

\_\_\_\_\_ (3)

"Win, Wildcats! Win, Wildcats! Win one today!"  
 The crowd gets quite loud with this (4).  
 The Wildcats would very much like to obey,  
 And they would if they could, but they can't.

\_\_\_\_\_ (4)

Some people give up right away at the start,  
 Though some effort would really be fitting.  
 They will not keep trying. They throw up their hands.  
 All that they can (5) at is quitting.

\_\_\_\_\_ (5)

**B.** Fill in the blank in each sentence with the correct word from the word list.

- Most cars \_\_\_\_\_ if they are driven into deep sand.
- True stories change history from a \_\_\_\_\_ subject to one that is fascinating and moving.
- If a song is a \_\_\_\_\_, the notes don't change much.
- Salespeople who \_\_\_\_\_ in their efforts to make a sale may be annoying, but they are often successful.
- The movie frightened them so much that they became \_\_\_\_\_, afraid to move.