

Directions: Benji had to write about a time when he had to try something new. Help him fill in the missing words to complete the story.

This summer, my father insisted I get a job to make my own money. He told me I needed to learn how to manage money and this would require true _____ (*leverage, hustle, delineation*). I was angry that my father was making me work when my friends would be having fun all summer. I became a bit _____ (*belligerent, delectable, odorous*) and yelled at him before storming off and slamming my door. I thought my father was being _____ (*incombustible, levy, callous*), but I understand now he just wanted me to be able to take care of myself.

I started putting in applications and ended up with _____ (*delectable, ample, maneuver*) options to choose from with offers from a fast-food place, a landscaping place, and a construction company. I chose the construction company because I thought I could at least be outdoors most of the time.

My first job was helping to build the walls of a building that needed to be _____ (*incombustible, emend, callous*) because it would hold numerous important documents. Since I was just a _____ (*aggregate, belligerent, peon*) I mostly had to carry materials. It was tough work to _____ (*maneuver, leverage, levy*) long boards and bags of concrete around the uneven ground of the jobsite. I came home quite _____ (*delectable, odorous, mantle*) after lifting heavy items all day in the sun.

The summer was long and difficult, but I earned enough to buy a used car that I still drive. I learned a great deal about hard work. While I was originally mad at my father, it was a great experience.





Answer Key

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hustle

belligerent

callous

ample

incombustible

peon

maneuver

odorous

