Vocabulary Practice

Here are the vocabulary words from the story “The Amazing History of Dogs.” Look at their meanings.

aggressive (adjective) ready and willing to fight
ancestors (noun) people who were in someone’s family in past times; animals in the past from which modern animals developed
domesticated (adjective) bred or trained to need and accept the care of human beings

mastodons (noun) animals that were related to the mammoth and lived in ancient times
morphed (verb) changed completely from one thing into another
speculate (verb) to form ideas or theories about something

Directions: Fill in the circle next to the best answer to each question below.

1. Which of the following means the opposite of domesticated?
   A energetic
   B angry
   C dirty
   D wild

2. Select the best sentence to follow this: “Lena decided to research her ancestors.”
   A “She was curious about kids in other countries.”
   B “She wanted to learn about life in space.”
   C “She wanted to learn about her family long ago.”
   D “She was hoping to send them a postcard.”

3. Which of the following might be described as aggressive?
   A a sleepy kitten
   B a hungry lion
   C a giggling baby
   D a broken computer

4. Where would you NOT see a mastodon?
   A in a zoo
   B in an illustration in a science book
   C as a statue at a natural history museum
   D in an animated video about the ancient world

5. Which of the following is a synonym of morphed?
   A transformed
   B grew
   C moved
   D jumped

6. Which of the following situations would most likely require you to speculate?
   A returning a library book
   B talking to a friend on the phone
   C listening to a favorite song
   D deciding which team you think will win a basketball game

Directions: Answer the questions below.

7. What would be a way that’s not aggressive to deal with a bully? __________________________________________

8. What is something you know about your ancestors? __________________________________________