Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**A New Home** \*I can identify the meaning of literal words and phrases in a text.

 One morning Maria sat on the front steps of her new apartment building with a lonely look on her face. Maria wished she could return to her **former** neighborhood. She missed the many friends she had there. Maria’s family had just moved and she had not made any friends yet. School did not start for another month, and Maria was too shy to **roam** the neighborhood and find some playmates. Her aunt saw Maria’s **pain** and decided to help her.

 Early that afternoon, Maria and her aunt walked down the block together, looking around and chatting. At the fifth door, they saw a mother braiding her daughter’s hair. Maria and her aunt stopped to say “Hello” and introduce themselves to the neighbors. Maria and her aunt met Ms. Stoker and her daughter, Samaya.

 Samaya was excited to make a new friend. She invited Maria to go to the park with her. All of a sudden, Maria had a lighthearted look on her face. Today she had made friends with Samaya and no longer felt **isolated**.

1. What does the word **former** mean in the passage?

A. new

B. dirty

C. old

D. near

2. Read the following sentence from paragraph 1.

 **School did not start for another month, and Maria was too shy to roam the**

 **neighborhood and find some playmates.**

 Which of the following words does NOT have a similar meaning to **roam**?

1. foot
2. walk around
3. wander
4. travel

3. Read the following sentence from paragraph 1.

 **Her aunt saw Maria’s pain and decided to help her.**

 Which of the following sentences would match the rest of the passage?

1. Her aunt saw Maria’s **sorrow** and decided to help her.
2. Her aunt saw Maria’s **peace** and decided to help her.
3. Her aunt saw Maria’s **quiet** and decided to help her.
4. Her aunt saw Maria’s **still** and decided to help her.

4. Which of the following words could replace the word **isolated** in the sentence, “Today she

 had made friends with Samaya and no longer felt **isolated**?”

A. crowded

B. joyful

C. smart

D. alone