Vocabulary Practice

Here are the vocabulary words from the story “The Space Rock.” Look at their meanings.

**ghost town (p. 15):** a town that no longer has people living in it

**gash (p. 16):** a long, deep cut

**meteorite (p. 16):** a piece of rock that has fallen to the ground from outer space

**meteor (p. 16):** a glowing piece of metal from outer space that flies through the sky

**atmosphere (p. 16):** all the air that surrounds Earth

**meteor shower (p. 16):** a large number of meteors that fall at one time

**Directions:** Select the best answer to each question below.

1. Where would you look to see a *meteor*?
   A. in the sky
   B. in a forest
   C. in the ocean
   D. in a meadow

2. The princess swung her sword against the tree, slicing a long ____________ in its bark.
   A. atmosphere
   B. gash
   C. meteor
   D. meteorite

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3. What word would you use to describe a meteorite?
   A bright
   B clean
   C fluffy
   D hard

4. What would you most likely find in a ghost town?
   A haunted spirits
   B quiet neighbors
   C empty buildings
   D children in costumes

5. The spacecraft blasted through the ________________ and into outer space.
   A atmosphere
   B ghost town
   C meteor
   D meteorite

6. Where are you most likely to learn about a meteor shower?
   A gym class
   B in music class
   C in science class
   D in a computer lab