

The sun had just risen and the birds were chirping. Olivia was up early, ready to begin her day. She had planned to go to the library and pick out some books to read. After a quick breakfast of cereal and juice, she set out on her bike, enjoying the cool breeze on her face.

As she entered the library, she was struck by the **vast** collection of books. She wandered through the aisles, **perusing** the shelves for interesting titles. She spotted a book with a striking cover that caught her eye. It was about the history of medieval castles, and she was excited to read it.

She checked out the book and sat down to read it in a nearby chair. As she read, she learned about the different types of castles and their various defenses. She was fascinated by the stories of knights and battles. The book was so **engrossing** that she lost track of time and before she knew it, it was already noon.

Olivia decided to head back home for lunch. On her way back, she noticed a group of children playing in a nearby park. They were playing a game that Olivia had never seen before. It looked like a combination of soccer and basketball, with players dribbling a ball and shooting it into a hoop.

She approached the group and asked them what game they were playing.

"It's called streetball," one of the children replied. "Do you want to play?"

Olivia eagerly joined in and quickly learned the rules. She **was a natural**, dribbling the ball effortlessly and scoring several baskets. The other children were impressed with her skills and invited her to play with them again the next day.

As Olivia rode her bike back home, she reflected on her day. She had learned so much from the castle book and had discovered a new game that she loved. She felt grateful for the opportunities to learn and explore new things.

Name: _____

Fill out the chart below to determine the words' meanings in the story you read.

<u>Word</u>	<u>What I Think It Means</u>	<u>Context Clues from the Text that Helped Me</u>
vast		
perusing		
engrossing		

What do you think the sentence, “**She was a natural**” means in this story?

What context or evidence in the story helped you to determine that?
