

### Vocabulary

#### Multimeaning Words

1. Use the contextual clues in the article to define/explain the following words or phrases:  
  
ancient (para. 1)  
stringy (para. 2)  
natural (para. 2)  
initially (para. 4)  
patent (para. 5)  
popular (para. 7)
2. The article about chewing gum contains several multimeaning words. The word *gum* is used in two different ways in paragraph #1. Define/explain the two ways it is used. Next, define/explain the following words as they are used in the article: bark (para. 1); treat (para. 1); tough (para. 4) and write one unrelated definition for each of these words.

- d. People in the Neolithic period chewed gum to treat gum infections.
- e. The ancient Greeks chewed a substance from the bark of mastic trees.

### Drawing Conclusions

#### Making Inferences

4. What are some of the reasons that people have chewed gum throughout history?
5. Why do you think Amos Tyler patented his gum recipe? Explain.

### Sequencing

3. Using the information from the article, arrange the following in chronological order. Then explain how you arrived at your answer.
  - a. A Finnish archaeology student found a 5,000-year-old piece of chewing gum made of birch bark tar.
  - b. American Indians introduced the colonists to chewing a gummy substance from spruce trees.
  - c. Maine businessman John Curtis was the first to sell chewing gum.