THE WORD FOR TODAY IS **RECONCILE.**
Reconcile has several meanings. It's a very handy word!

**MEANING #1** for *reconcile* is to agree or become friendly again after a disagreement.

**Example:**
Sean hoped he would be able to reconcile with his father after years of not speaking to him.

**MEANING #2** for *reconcile* is to make sure the numbers or facts in two documents match.

**Example:**
It is good to reconcile your checkbook with your bank statement to make sure your total is the same in both documents.

**MEANING #3** for *reconcile* is to accept a fact or idea.

**Example:**
I am reconciled to the fact that I need to work hard to get my GED.

**TRY THIS**
Now read the following sentences and put the number 1, 2, or 3 after each to show which meaning of *reconcile* is used in that sentence.

1. My sisters had a terrible fight. I traveled home to see them and help them reconcile their differences. ______

2. Reconcile yourself to the idea that you will have to exercise every day if you want to run the marathon. ______

3. Your estimate of what this project costs is very different from mine. Before we can go to the store to buy the materials we must reconcile the two estimates. ______

4. They almost got divorced but just before she hired a lawyer, they were able to reconcile. ______

5. You two are telling me very different accounts of how this clock got broken. You need to reconcile your stories. ______

**MORE ABOUT RECONCILE!**
Reconcile is part of a family of words. Reconciliation, a noun, is the act of reconciling.

**Example:**
After the reconciliation, the two men became better friends than before.

Reconciled is the past tense of the verb to reconcile.

**Example:**
After a long discussion, we reconciled our differences.

**NOW TRY THIS**
Write a paragraph of four sentences about a time you had to make peace with someone. Use the word *reconcile, reconciliation, or reconciled* in your paragraph.

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**WORDS TO KNOW**
Answers:
1. 1, 2.
2. 3, 4.
3. 2.