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Write the homograph that completes both sentences.

1. Tie a ______________ to finish wrapping the present.  
   Take a ______________ when you finish your performance.
2. All the girls started screaming when a ______________ flew into their camp cabin.  
   The softball team gave their star player a new ______________ for her birthday.
3. I hoped my best friend would sit in my ______________ at school.  
   We had to ______________ the boat all the way across the lake to get home.
4. Since my books were late, the librarian told me to pay a ______________.  
   Gabriel was sick yesterday, but today he’s feeling ______________.
5. When Allan fell off of his bike, he got a bad ______________ on his leg.  
   Lisa ______________ up the duck toy and let it waddle down the hallway.
6. Mom said I could improve my sculpture by ______________ out the bumps.  
   My father doesn’t get home from work until late in the ______________.
7. In science I learned that my stomach expands and ______________ as I eat.  
   My class had to sign behavior ______________ as a promise to behave.
8. When they asked who would go first, I volunteered to ______________ the way.  
   I had to find a regular pencil because mine was out of ______________.
9. I was happy to learn that though I didn’t win, I got ______________ place.  
   I asked my mom to give me one more ______________ to get ready for school.
10. My dog really did try to ______________ up my homework last night!  
    My sister said she wasn’t crying, but there was a ______________ on her cheek.
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   bow

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   bat

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   row
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   lead
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   second
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