efficient (e-**fish**-ent) *adj* 1. Achieving maximum productivity with minimum wasted effort. *adj.* 2. Working in a well-organized and competent way. *adj.* 3. Preventing the wasteful use of a particular resource.

DIRECTIONS: Use the dictionary entry above to answer the questions.

1. Which meaning of *efficient* do you find in the following sentence: Fulton didn't invent the steam engine, but he did make it more efficient.

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2. True or false? The word *efficient* has three syllables. _____

3. What part of speech is the word *efficient*? _____

4. Which meaning of *efficient* do you find in the following sentence: Mindy has proven herself to be a very efficient secretary.

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5. Which meaning of *efficient* do you find in the following sentence: Karen's job is to make sure that everyone in the office is using paper efficiently.

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ANSWERS

1. one
2. true
3. adjective
4. two
5. three