Dictionary Detective!

Chapters 8 - 9

*Using a dictionary, find the definitions for the words below.*

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| **conference**  Definition: |
| **absentminded**  Definition: |
| **mute**  Definition: |
| **vexed**  Definition: |
| **balked**  Definition: |
| **curdled**  Definition: |

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Vocabulary Study Chapters 8 - 9

Match Up

*Match the vocabulary words with their synonyms!*

conference • • distracted

absentminded • • annoyed

mute • • soured

vexed • • meeting

balked • • resisted

curdled • • silent

Best Word

*Circle the word which works best in each sentence.*

1. I left a bottle of milk out and it ( absentminded / curdled ) in the hot weather.  
2. Amy ( vexed / balked ) when I suggested we should join the swimming team.  
3. We don’t have school today because our teachers are going to a ( conference / mute ). 4. My dad was ( absentminded / balked ) this morning and left his phone at home.  
5. Ella was ( vexed / curdled ) when she arrived at the library and found out it was closed. 6. Lots of dogs like to bark, but my dog is ( conference / mute ).

While presenting her book report, Ramona stops concentrating and loses her place. List two words that would describe how she might have felt.

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