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Read each scenario. Complete the statement by writing the word whose meaning most closely matches the information and tone.

1. It was a cloudy day, but not too cold. Demir was disappointed that it wasn't sunny, but



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(marched / wandered)

3. Lindsay stepped outside of her tent and looked around. She heard birds chirping. The wind gently rustled the leaves. The sun was beginning to rise.

It was a _____ morning in the woods.
(peaceful / quiet)

4. Our family stopped to watch the sunset over the lake.

The sunset was so _____.
(cute / beautiful)

5. Thomas's mom told him not to look directly at the sun.

He _____ at the sun.
(stared / glanced)

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