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Explain: You use a brush to paint and you use a pen to write.

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   a. clowns     jokes     fun     laugh
   b. Explain:

2. Advance is to retreat as appear is to ______________.
   a. live       withdraw    vanish    fade
   b. Explain:

3. Red is to tomato as yellow is to ______________.
   a. banana     bus        bright    cake
   b. Explain:

4. Bride is to groom as wife is to ______________.
   a. mother     husband    female    male
   b. Explain:

5. Hay is to horse as corn is to ______________.
   a. eat        barn       chickens    farm
   b. Explain:

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   Explain: Magic involves tricks, while comedy uses jokes.

2. Advance is to retreat as appear is to ____________.

   live    withdraw    vanish    fade

   Explain: Advance is the opposite of retreat, just as appear is the opposite of vanish.

3. Red is to tomato as yellow is to ____________.

   banana    bus    bright    cake

   Explain: Tomatoes are red and bananas are yellow.

4. Bride is to groom as wife is to ____________.

   mother    husband    female    male

   Explain: Brides marry grooms and wives are married to husbands.

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   eat    barn    chickens    farm

   Explain: Horses eat hay and chickens eat corn.