Multiple Choice Context Clues

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   b. conclusion
   c. mystery

3. Her mother said: “I **forbid** you to go to the store – it is raining outside”
   a. dread
   b. hope
   c. not allow

4. The glass plate **shattered** when it hit the floor and broke into a thousand pieces.
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