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Vocabulary in Informational Text

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.2.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 2 topic or subject area.

Today, Mexico's government is a **democracy**. It works a lot like the United States government. Mexico's leader is a president, and a congress makes the country's laws. Both the president and congress are chosen by the Mexican people.

1. What does **democracy** mean?

- a. rule by the people
- b. rule by one person
- c. rule by a king or queen

2. Underline the sentence (or clues) in the text that help you know what **democracy** means.

The crest on the Mexican flag is a symbol from the Aztecs, a group of people who ruled Mexico for hundreds of years, until they were conquered by the Spanish. According to an Aztec legend, they were told by their god to locate their capital city in the place where they saw an eagle eating a snake. They discovered this place in 1325 and **established** the city of Tenochtitlán. This city is still the capital of Mexico. Today it is called Mexico City.

1. In the text above, the word **established** means:
 - a. invaded or conquered
 - b. built or found
 - c. destroyed or tore down

2. Underline sentence (or clues) in the text that help you know what **established** means.