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Context Clues

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**You can view the video on Context Clues before completing the exercises below.**

**Directions:** Read each sentence and determine the meaning of the word using clues from the text or your prior knowledge. Then, explain what clues in the sentence helped to determine the word meaning.

1. **Detest:** Everyone else at the party wanted vegetarian pizza but Tim because he **detested** vegetables.

Definition: dislike

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

**The clues in the sentence are “Everyone else at the party wanted... but Tim...” This means that Tim did not like vegetables.**

2. **Alter:** Grandpa didn’t know that Suzie was coming along on the fishing trip, and now he had to **alter** his plans.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

3. **Melodramatic:** When Kiki got a tiny cut on her pinky finger, she got all **melodramatic** and began sobbing and demanding a doctor.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

4. **Remorse:** As Tommy walked home with the money from the church he had stolen in his pocket, powerful feelings of **remorse** bubbled in his stomach.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

5. **Inquiry:** When the other moms heard about how Charlene had won the baking contest, her email box was flooded with **inquiries** for her award winning muffin recipe.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

6. **Perch:** The children were **perched** on the edge of the sofa arms, waiting to hop off and land on the next unlucky passerby.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

7. **Earnest:** Jeremiah joked around so much that when he told the others about the accident that had occurred, they didn't believe that he was being **earnest**.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

8. **Jovial:** Unlike Bob, who treated others rudely and kept to himself, Bobby was **jovial**, friendly, and outgoing.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

9. **Demeanor:** My grandma's **demeanor** was such that people often thought she was being rude when she was just being honest.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

10. **Beckoned:** The lady decided that it was tea time and so, by jingling a tiny silver bell, she **beckoned** her servants to attend.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

11. **Dismal:** With the field torn up by the players' cleats, and the cold rain falling in waves, conditions on the playing field were **dismal**.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

12. **Immense:** Lula would have attempted the walk home, had it not been for the **immense** mountain that stood between her and her destination.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?



