

Context Clues 3.1

Directions: read each sentence and determine the meaning of the word using cross sentence clues or your prior knowledge. Then, explain what clues in the sentence helped you determine the word meaning.

1. **Universal:** Jim wanted to ask Janet to the dance, but he felt it a **universally** acknowledged truth that popular girls like her didn't go with unpopular guys like him.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

2. **Extraordinary:** Kevin knows how to shoot from the field, but Alvin's jump shot is **extraordinary**.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

3. **Establish:** Even though peace between the two formerly warring nations had been **established** for years now, the soldier still woke cold from dreams of battle.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

4. **Scrupulous:** I wanted to just set the table and be done with it, but my mother **scrupulously** arranged each napkin, dish, and utensil until they were in perfect alignment.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

5. **Consent:** Jake asked his mother for permission to go to his friend Rodney's dance party, stating that his grades had improved, and he was quite pleased when she **consented**.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

6. **Vexed:** When Jose found out that his little brother Emilio carelessly broke Jose's Xbox disc tray, Jose was **vexed** and sure let Emilio know it.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

7. **Tact:** Jane could have easily offended Bertha when she informed her that the dress did not fit her well, but Jane used **tact** and consideration when choosing her words, so Bertha understood without being hurt.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

8. **Emphatic:** Her parents really wanted her to attend the local university, but Shaniqua argued her case so **emphatically** and with such great passion, that her parents gave Shaniqua their consent

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

9. **Amends:** After Brian broke Darcy's heart this last time, he will have to make some serious **amends** if he ever wants to win her back.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

10. **Conjecture:** Stanley tried to determine the meaning of the vocabulary word, but there were so few clues in the sentence all he could do was hopelessly **conjecture** as to what the word might mean.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

11. **Ascertain:** The clues in the sentence were so helpful, Stanley was able to **ascertain** the meaning of the word beyond a shadow of a doubt.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

12. **Defer:** Kyle really wanted to play basketball, but since it overlapped with the volleyball season (and since Carrie played volleyball), he would just have to **defer** his hoop-dreams until next year, when his relationship with her would be secure.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?