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Context Clues 1.3

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. **unpleasant:** Brian felt that Ms. Golding was much more **unpleasant** than usual and he suspected that she did not have her coffee this morning.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

2. **remedy:** The richest man in town was losing his hearing and he offered a large reward to anyone who could find a **remedy** for his condition.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

3. **singe:** The curling iron was so hot that Martha **singed** her hair when she tried using it.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

4. **quarrel:** Max was sick of **quarreling** with his wife about money when all he wanted to do was enjoy her company.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

5. **conclude:** After finding crumbs all over Fido's bed, Mom **concluded** that the dog had eaten the cookies.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

6. **enormous:** After taking the final exam, Felix felt as though an **enormous** burden had been lifted.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

7. **haughty**: Megan did not like the new girl because she was rich, **haughty**, and kept her nose up high.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

8. **dreary**: After the quarterback from the visiting team snuck in for another touchdown, the mood over the home team's bleachers grew quite **dreary**.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

9. **dispute**: My father and Mr. McClure, our neighbor, have had a **dispute** as to the property line separating our two houses ever since Mr. McClure planned to build a fence.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

10. **absurd**: Bobby thought that Clyde's theories about their substitute teacher being an alien were **absurd**.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

11. **involuntary**: As a student serving a detention, Derrick's participation on the school cleanup crew was **involuntary**, unlike Scott, who genuinely wanted to make the school a better place.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

12. **native**: Unlike most of the college students, who came to DeKalb from many different parts of the state and nation to attend the university, Cletus was a **native** of the town, born and raised.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

Bonus: Define each of the words on a separate sheet of paper to check your answers. Attach your sheet.