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Context Clues 3.6

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. **devoid:** Ronald hated the detention room because it was absolutely **devoid** of warmth and cheer.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

2. **firmament:** After barely surviving a deadly encounter, Kyle gazed up at the **firmament** and thanked the heavens that he survived.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

3. **indiscriminate:** You must not be **indiscriminate** when you are shopping for shoes. Carefully consider which shoes will be best for you before making your purchase.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

4. **laden:** Julia had a difficult time trudging up the snowy hill with her textbook **laden** book bag.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

5. **spontaneous:** Brenda was trying to study for her chemistry final when she was overcome by the **spontaneous** urge to go on a bike ride, but the urge passed as suddenly as it came.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

6. **derive:** This magical sword is called Everest-Tooth because it was forged on the mountain from which its name is **derived**.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

7. **lofty**: He wanted to climb the **lofty** coconut tree to retrieve the nourishing fruit, but he was too afraid of heights.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

8. **arduous**: John tried to catch his breath for a minute before he attempted the **arduous** climb up the peak of the mountain.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

9. **exuberant**: Janice loved the fast paced, **exuberant** feeling of the market during the holiday season.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

10. **imperious**: Though Kathy and I are both technically store clerks, Kathy is always trying to tell me what to do because of her **imperious** nature.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

11. **decline**: I am disappointed that Kyle **declined** our offer to sit in the dunk tank. Now who will dress up like a clown and sit still while people throw balls at him or her?

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

12. **brazen**: Ms. Witherspoon was shocked that the snickering bill collector was **brazen** enough to rest his feet on the antique grand piano, with his shoes on of all things, while she ran to get her checkbook.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?