Context Clues 1.1

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. Dignity: Even when the police officers put the handcuffs on my mother, she maintained her dignity, holding her head up high as she was marched off the protest site.

Definition: __________________________________________

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

2. Splendid: The rays from the rising sun shined splendidly through our kitchen window.

Definition: __________________________________________

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

3. Particle: John was so hungry that he didn’t leave a single particle of the muffin on the plate.

Definition: __________________________________________

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

4. Elegant: Cassie took her time when she wrote in cursive, slowly making each word out of an elegant series of arcs and loops.

Definition: __________________________________________

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

5. Injustice: Kevin thought that it was a great injustice that girls could wear earrings in the school while the boys could not.

Definition: __________________________________________

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

6. Decline: After Gears of Pain 6 came out, the number of people playing Gears of Pain 5 declined.

Definition: __________________________________________

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?
7. **Paradise**: When Rex had a bone, a warm spot to lie, and someone petting him, he was in **paradise**.

Definition: ___________________________________________________________________________

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

8. **Fascinate**: Alvin went to the museum every Saturday because he was so **fascinated** by art.

Definition: ___________________________________________________________________________

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

9. **Yearn**: Even though John had a good job and a nice family, he **yearned** for more.

Definition: ___________________________________________________________________________

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

10. **Seldom**: Since professional athletes have to stay in peak physical shape, most athletes **seldom** eat junk food.

Definition: ___________________________________________________________________________

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

11. **Delicate**: Tracy held the flower as gently as she could, fearing that the **delicate** stem would break.

Definition: ___________________________________________________________________________

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

12. **Remark**: Jennie didn’t like the jacket her mother bought her until several strangers made **remarks** about how much they liked it.

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.