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 may know how to layup a basketball, but my 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?