

Context Clues 3.2

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. **Disposition:** Unlike his sister Cattie, who had a very calm and mellow **disposition**, John jumped on Sofas and ran through the house like an animal kingdom.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

2. **Amiable:** If you go to the party wearing your best smile, laugh good naturedly, and try your dance steps out (even if you aren't the best dancer), you will attract attention with your **amiable** disposition.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

3. **Scarce:** Due to the **scarcity** of food in her territory, the mother lioness had to roam far from safe ground to find a meal for her child.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

4. **Fastidious:** When John saw his report card, he was excited because he had all As and an A- in Biology; but when his **fastidious** mother saw his report card, she shook her head in disappointment.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

5. **Conceited:** When Jana noticed her daughter Kylie starring at herself and posing in every reflection that they passed, Jana worried that Kylie was growing a bit **conceited**.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

6. **Candor:** After weeks of avoiding him, Annie finally found the courage to tell David that she wasn't interested in him; and even though David was heart broken, he appreciated her **candor**.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

7. **Ostentatious:** Amy wanted to wear the simple white dress to the dance but her friend Emilia kept pushing her to buy this big, puffy, golden ballroom gown as **ostentatious** as it was expensive.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

8. **Endeavor:** John may have been excited about becoming an artist, but his mother was waiting to see if he'd see this **endeavor** through before buying him the expensive paint kit.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

9. **Provoke:** I didn't want to fight him, but he **provoked** me by insulting my family and I lost control.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

10. **Engross:** The young child was so **engrossed** by the flashing lights on the toy train that when his mother asked him if he wanted a piece of chocolate cake, he didn't even respond.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

11. **Deficient:** Zach wanted to play football with the other kids but, with his horrible **deficiencies** in coordination, he couldn't catch or throw the ball.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

12. **Benevolence:** The children in the orphanage might have starved had it not been for the **benevolence** of the nuns, who sacrificed their own small salaries to provide food for the children.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?