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Context Clues 1.4

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. **severe:** Most people feared the king because his judgment was final and his punishments were **severe**.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

2. **impatient:** After waiting for his call for two nights in row, Cassie grew **impatient** with Henry and decided that she would call him first.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

3. **procession:** the graduates marched down the aisles and filled in their seats in an orderly procession.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

4. **bewilder:** John was **bewildered** when he saw the math teacher writing letters on the board that were to be added and subtracted. *Aren't letters for reading class?* John thought to himself.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

5. **gradual:** Alice was not happy with product's promise of **gradual** weight loss. She wanted to lose all of her fat immediately.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

6. **indifferent:** Most of the boys in the class were in some heated argument about which sports team would win the big game, but Jeremy was **indifferent**. He just wanted to play *Death Troopers* on his game box.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

7. **wretched**: Alice woke up feeling **wretched**. She was covered with sweat and had a headache.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

8. **substantial**: After receiving just a single slice of pizza at the party, Kelvin was disappointed. He had hoped for a more **substantial** portion.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

9. **haste**: We can still make it to the movie on time if we make **haste**!

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

10. **proper**: Lance felt that it would be **proper** to ask Barbie's father for permission to marry her.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

11. **straggle**: Vinnie thought that the 5K run would a breeze but after he got about a mile into it, he started to **straggle** behind the rest of the group.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

12. **ignorant**: Bobby never realized how **ignorant** he had been about matters of the home until his wife got sick and he had to manage the house alone.

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.