Context Clues 1.5

**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. **unresponsive:** After dropping his phone in the toilet, Robert repeatedly pressed and held the power button, but the device was **unresponsive**.

   **Definition:** ____________________________________________________________

   What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

2. **neglect:** Dad spent countless hours caring for and manicuring his grass, so he hated when his neighbors neglected their lawns.

   **Definition:** ____________________________________________________________

   What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

3. **weary:** After studying for twelve hours straight, Rob was growing **weary**.

   **Definition:** ____________________________________________________________

   What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

4. **contrary:** **Contrary** to my mother's opinion that I should stay home on graduation night, I would like to go to a large party.

   **Definition:** ____________________________________________________________

   What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

5. **anxious:** Whenever Bob was more than an hour late, Janice became very **anxious**.

   **Definition:** ____________________________________________________________

   What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

6. **desolate:** Chris could see nothing but the sky over the fields as he wandered through the **desolate** plains.

   **Definition:** ____________________________________________________________

   What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?
7. **extraordinary**: Al had hoped that with his *extraordinary* athletic abilities he would get a college scholarship, but he injured his knee junior year.

Definition: __________________________________________________________________________

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

8. **thorough**: Jackie plans every party as *thoroughly* as if the President were coming, so she will make sure that everything has been considered on your big day.

Definition: __________________________________________________________________________

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

9. **affectionate**: I wish that Clyde were more affectionate with me but he won't even give me a fist bump.

Definition: __________________________________________________________________________

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

10. **tranquil**: Jack likes to sit on the edge of the pier when the wind is calm and the water is *tranquil*.

Definition: __________________________________________________________________________

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

11. **glimpse**: When the teacher dropped her grade book, Alex got a *glimpse* of the grade sheet. Now he is sad because he thinks that he saw an F next to his name.

Definition: __________________________________________________________________________

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

12. **reluctant**: Paul was *reluctant* to take the car to the mechanics, since last time it cost him seven hundred dollars, but the engine was making such a squeal that he scheduled an appointment.

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.