Context Clues 2.3

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. moderate: Jamie wants to keep the house spotless all of the time and Shannon is a total slob, but I am a bit more moderate about cleanliness.

   Definition: ___________________________________________________________________________

   What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

2. uncivil: Ladies, please stop the name calling. There is no reason to act uncivil. Let's discuss the problem.

   Definition: ___________________________________________________________________________

   What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

3. audible: A dog whistle makes a high-pitched sound that is only audible to dogs.

   Definition: ___________________________________________________________________________

   What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

4. solemn: The mood in the church became very solemn when the bride began to walk down the aisle.

   Definition: ___________________________________________________________________________

   What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

5. disdain: She gives me this look of disdain ever since I shot up her dolls with my BB gun.

   Definition: ___________________________________________________________________________

   What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

6. constitute: The eight golden triangles that Link must collect constitute the Triforce, which can grant wishes when it is assembled.

   Definition: ___________________________________________________________________________

   What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?
7. vex: John felt bad about hitting his little sister, but he was so **vexed** when he saw her playing with his only Lance Power action figure that he lost his temper.

   Definition: ____________________________________________________________

   What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

8. incredulous: I wanted to give the new kid a chance, but when he started telling me that he could ride his skateboard on top of the telephone wires, all I could do was stare at him with an **incredulous** smirk.

   Definition: ____________________________________________________________

   What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

9. feign: Jane got it into her mind that she could get out of studying for any test just by **feigning** illness the night before the exam.

   Definition: ____________________________________________________________

   What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

10. symmetrical: Gordon wasn't sure that he cut out the shapes properly. He was afraid that he might have made them uneven, but his teacher assured him that his shapes were perfectly **symmetrical**.

    Definition: ____________________________________________________________

    What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

11. gratified: Janine was **gratified** when the teacher used Janine's project as an example for other classes.

    Definition: ____________________________________________________________

    What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

12. discordant: The music teacher had difficulty tolerating the **discordant** noises produced by her kindergarten class.

    Definition: ____________________________________________________________

    What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?