Context Clues 2.5

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. signify: She considered that Byron's latest efforts in the classroom might signify his desire to make a positive change.

   Definition: ___________________________________________________________________________

   What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

2. laborious: Dexter wanted to take honors math, but the course load was too laborious alongside his football practices.

   Definition: ___________________________________________________________________________

   What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

3. furtively: After Mom found the devoured cake, the dog crouched furtively behind the couch.

   Definition: ___________________________________________________________________________

   What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

4. melodious: The choir delighted the audience with their melodious tune.

   Definition: ___________________________________________________________________________

   What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

5. smitten: When I saw that she was making a special Valentine's Day card just for Kevin, I knew that she was smitten with him.

   Definition: ___________________________________________________________________________

   What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

6. grotesque: The giant garbage monster moved his grotesque head from side to side as he yelled at the children for stepping on his lawn.

   Definition: ___________________________________________________________________________

   What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?
7. **prodigy**: The music teacher didn't usually take such young children, but when he saw the four-year-old play Beethoven's 5th without missing a note, he had to make an exception for this **prodigy**.

Definition: ____________________________________________

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

8. **profound**: His reading abilities have improved in a **profound** way since he stopped playing around in class and started doing his homework every night.

Definition: ____________________________________________

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

9. **unison**: The two girls responded in **unison**, "We didn't do anything," which only made the principal more suspicious.

Definition: ____________________________________________

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

10. **indignant**: I became **indignant** after the hostess seated another group of people that arrived at the restaurant after we did.

Definition: ____________________________________________

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

11. **sagacity**: The people in the community respected their mayor for the **sagacity** he has shown in managing the town's government through hard times.

Definition: ____________________________________________

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

12. **tremulous**: Janna was able to control her nerves during rehearsals, but on opening night her voice was **tremulous** and difficult to understand.

Definition: ____________________________________________

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?