

Context Clues 3.4

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. **lamentable:** Lia, it is **lamentable** that you and Derrick separated, but it has almost been a year. Don't you think that it's about time to move on with your life?

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

2. **adorn:** To prepare the cafeteria for the big dance, the planning committee **adorned** the walls with colorful streamers and balloons.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

3. **ambuscade:** Ducked down in the tall grass, the warriors waited patiently on the hillside for the next group unfortunate enough to walk through their **ambuscade**.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

4. **uninhabitable:** The flood caused toxic molds to grow on the walls of our old house and now it is **uninhabitable**.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

5. **opaque:** Brian attempted to see who was riding inside of the limousine, but the **opaque** window tinting prevented him from getting even the slightest glimpse.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

6. **parsimonious:** Due to his **parsimonious** nature, Brian enjoys borrowing movies from the library and copying them, buying day old bread from the bakery, and recording music from the radio even though he has a lot of money.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

7. **insolence**: Katie talked back to the principal and called him by his first name so he sent her to the office for her **insolence**.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

8. **rebuke**: After the players got caught cheating on the exam, the coach **rebuked** them harshly.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

9. **eminence**: Large companies and wealthy clients wanted Donzo to take their pictures, as Donzo was well known for his **eminence** in photography.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

10. **obsequies**: "Teacher, you forgot to assign homework," said James, expressing the **obsequies** nature that made him unpopular.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

11. **aversion**: John gave me two tickets to the basketball game, but I have an **aversion** to going to crowded places like sports arenas, so would you like to have them?

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

12. **pertinent**: The principal concluded his speech, "Now that I have introduced the new program, I will answer a few questions, so long as they are pertinent to the matter at hand."

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?