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### Context Clues 3.7

**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. **entitle:** I wouldn't mind sharing with Patrick if he didn't act like being a part of the Witherspoon family **entitled** him to a piece of everything on campus.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

2. **usurp:** Though Joseph was the true king, his uncle **usurped** the throne and was now ruling the land quite cruelly.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

3. **candid:** When around his coworkers, Alan said that he agreed with the boss's new policy, but his **candid** opinion was that it would drive away customers.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

4. **magnanimous:** The **magnanimous** judge released the young offender who had been caught stealing bread by saying, "Everybody has to eat," and slamming down his gavel.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

5. **acquiesce:** Angela did not want to go to the party. She wanted to study for the exam, but her sister nagged her so much that Angela finally **acquiesced** and agreed to go.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

6. **grievance:** The workers wrote an anonymous letter to their boss in which they expressed their **grievances:** long working hours, low pay, and dangerous working conditions.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

7. **seize**: The police officer **seized** the firework from the underage children.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

8. **deprive**: The students were angry that the principal **deprived** everyone of prom because of the actions of a few individuals.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

9. **ascertain**: Kevin told me that there is no homework. Katie told me that we are supposed to study for a quiz. I'm going to check the teacher's website to **ascertain** the truth.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

10. **compulsory**: Bruce did not want to help clean up the trash by the river, but the principal told him that since he chose to skip classes on Friday, his participation in the event would be **compulsory**.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

11. **enumerate**: When Bobby asked Kelly to give him one reason why they shouldn't go, Kelly **enumerated** a list long enough to quiet Bobby.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

12. **prohibitive**: I've wanted to purchase the new Game Box since it came out last November, but up until now the price has been **prohibitive**.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?