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## Context Clues 1.6

**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. **cease:** James, you need to **cease** tapping your pencil because other people are trying to concentrate.

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

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

2. **transparent:** You don't want to wrap your presents in plastic wrap because plastic wrap is **transparent** and everyone will know what you got.

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

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

3. **simpleton:** She tried to pay me with play money, as though I were a **simpleton** who would accept it.

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

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

4. **dreadful:** I became a vegetarian when I found out about the **dreadful** treatment that factory farmed animals receive.

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

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

5. **stammer:** Rob is a cool guy and normally he makes great conversation, but when he gets around Vicky all he does is **stammer**.

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

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

6. **eager:** Having read all of the *Fightland* books, Jessica was so **eager** to see the *Fightland* movie that she lined up at the movie theater at midnight dressed as her favorite character.

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

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

7. **mutter**: If you have something to say about my teaching style, Mr. Carter, please say it to me now instead of **muttering** it under your breath later.

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

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

8. **proposal**: The principal loved the students' **proposal** to build the new playground with the fundraising money.

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

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

9. **civil**: No matter how much the old woman yelled at him about not receiving her check, the mailman stayed calm and remained **civil**.

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

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

10. **humble**: Kevin thinks that he is the center of the universe. I guess that when someone gets to be as good as he is at football, it's hard to remain **humble**.

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

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

11. **sulk**: Mom said that your timeout is done, Dominick. You can come out and play now. You don't have to keep **sulking** in your room.

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

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

12. **cauldron**: The witch stirred the frog eyes and cat tails into the steaming **cauldron** smoking over the fire.

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.