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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?