

Context Clues 2.7

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. **inquisitive:** Some people think that my little brother is annoying because he asks so many questions, but I think that he just has an **inquisitive** nature.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

2. **oblong:** It is hard to catch a football that has been fumbled because the **oblong** shape of the ball makes it difficult to predict where it will bounce.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

3. **prevalent:** After seeing a third teenager walk by with a mullet, Clint reasoned that it must be one of the more **prevalent** hair styles of the day.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

4. **spectacles:** "I wish I had brought my **spectacles**," the old librarian remarked as she squinted and strained to read the text.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

5. **writhe:** After being bitten by snake, the cowboy **writhe**d in pain on the ground.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

6. **diplomacy:** General Kang was more than a brave commander. He was a good man, for he knew better than to rush into battle when there was still time for **diplomacy**.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

7. **oblige**: The last thing Bruce wanted to do was get in a fight, but when he saw the mugger grab the old woman, Bruce felt **obliged** to assist her.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

8. **servient**: Don't tell Beth! She's so **servient** to Mom that she'll probably let her know about it and spoil the surprise.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

9. **daintily**: The Snow Princess nibbled **daintily** at her cake, holding her teacup by the handle between her thumb and index finger with her other three fingers high in the air.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

10. **dilute**: This tea tastes absolutely terrible but if you **dilute** it with some water, you'll be able to stomach it.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

11. **diligence**: Brent wasn't the smartest kid in his class, but because of his dedication and **diligence**, he graduated as the valedictorian.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

12. **inconceivable**: It seemed **inconceivable** to me that Brenda was unaware of Andy's feeling for her, particularly after he wrote that poem for her and read it to the entire class.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?