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### Context Clues 3.5

**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. **torrid:** The bearded man sweated as he crawled through the **torrid** desert.

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

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

2. **partake:** Joshua did not want to **partake** in bullying the new kid because he had once been a new student himself and he remembered how hard it was to adjust.

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

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

3. **vestibule:** Jon pulled open the doors to the large building and stood in the **vestibule** for a moment to catch his breath before entering the reception area.

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

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

4. **meritorious:** The soldier was awarded four medals for his **meritorious** conduct on the battlefield.

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

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

5. **ecstatic:** Have you heard? Super star country western group The Mountain Boys are getting back together for a reunion tour. Fans all over the world will be **ecstatic** to hear this news.

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

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

6. **contempt:** Ever since she found out that I stole that fudge from those blind people, my teacher has treated me with **contempt**. Usually she won't even look at me and when she does she scowls.

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

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

7. **askance**: As he got off the train to the city, the clever farm boy looked **askance** at the man with the cardboard sign claiming to be a wallet inspector.

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

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

8. **havoc**: The giant fire-breathing monster was unleashed to cause **havoc** in the city of Tokyo.

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

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

9. **terrestrial**: Scientists claim that the plants and animals on this recently discovered planet are unlike any of the **terrestrial** variety which we have known our whole lives.

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

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

10. **actuate**: My daughter would never have behaved in this way had she not been **actuated** by her feelings for that no good Larry.

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

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

11. **subside**: After his outburst, Raphael decided to stay outside of the classroom until his feelings of rage **subsided**.

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

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

12. **predominate**: Ever since the season started again, football has been the **predominant** topic of conversation amongst the boys in the lunchroom.

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

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?