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## **Discovering Meaning Through Context**

Read the following sentences. Three meanings are given for each italicized word. Use the context of the sentence to figure out which meaning is correct. Underline the correct meaning.

**Example:** Annemarie was afraid she had hurt Mama's feelings and *hesitated* before saying any more.

looked                   waited                   moved

1. Annemarie and Ellen took the long way home, *avoiding* the soldiers.

looking for           dodging           talking to

2. Kirsti was in a hurry and *scampered* ahead of the older girls.

ran                   looked                   paused

3. Whenever Lise was mentioned, Mrs. Johansen got a *pained* look on her face.

angry                   sad                   thoughtful

4. Annemarie and Ellen thought the Hirschs' son looked awful with his thick glasses and *unruly* hair.

messy                   wavy                   shiny

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5. The boy held on to the handlebars and wrinkled his nose to *nudge* his glasses into place.

remove                    push                    sneeze

6. Annemarie didn't want to think about the dangers facing Ellen, so she tried to convince herself that the problems were *imaginary*.

horrible                    obvious                    not real

7. Her face *glowering*, Kirsti stomped into the room and started to complain.

looking angry                    full of joy                    sunburned

8. At the sight of her ugly new shoes, Kirsti *bellowed* in anger.

entered                    screamed                    agreed

9. The remains of the Danish naval *vessels* lay at the bottom of the harbor.

ships                    soldiers                    castles

10. After being separated from her parents, Ellen put her face in her hands and *sobbed*.

nodded                    whispered                    cried