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Context Clues: Explanations

1. Katie appeared infallible in math class because she had never gotten a problem wrong.

   Using the explanation clue, the word **infallible** in this sentence means
   - (A) never wrong
   - (B) mistaken
   - (C) wrong
   - (D) incorrect

2. The tornado annihilated the whole town to the point that nothing was left standing.

   Using the explanation clue, the word **annihilated** in this sentence means
   - (A) destroyed
   - (B) saved
   - (C) created
   - (D) constructed

3. We could tell by the rotten smell, that something putrid was in our trash can.

   Using the explanation clue, the word **putrid** in this sentence means
   - (A) ample
   - (B) alive
   - (C) rotten
   - (D) appealing

4. Phyllis felt elated when she won the race.

   Using the explanation clue, the word **elated** in this sentence means
   - (A) sick
   - (B) miserable
   - (C) tired
   - (D) happy

5. The insidious burglar was able to sneak into the house without being heard or seen.

   Using the explanation clue, the word **insidious** in this sentence means
   - (A) strong
   - (B) loud
   - (C) clumsy
   - (D) sneaky

6. The voters were so upset about the outcome of the election that a skirmish broke out and the police had to break it up.

   Using the explanation clue, the word **skirmish** in this sentence means
   - (A) fight
   - (B) sunshine
   - (C) hurricane
   - (D) creature