

Context Clues [EASY MODE]

Directions: read each sentence and choose the option with the closest meaning to the word in bold. Then, explain what clues in the sentence helped you determine the word meaning.

1. **Detest:** Everyone at the party wanted burgers and fries except Tim because he **detested** fast food.

- A. loved B. enjoyed C. hated D. dreamed

What clues in the sentence lead you to your choice?

2. **Alter:** Grandpa didn't know that Suzie would join the fishing trip, and now he has to **alter** his plans.

- A. count B. miss C. create D. change

What clues in the sentence lead you to your choice?

3. **Demeanor:** People often mistook my grandma's **demeanor** for rudeness when she was just being honest.

- A. face B. manner C. feeling D. hope

What clues in the sentence lead you to your choice?

4. **Inquiry:** When other people heard about how Charlene had won the baking contest, her email box was filled with **inquiries** for this award-winning recipe.

- A. questions B. congratulations C. judgments D. praises

What clues in the sentence lead you to your choice?

5. **Earnest:** Jeremiah joked around so much that when he told the others about the accident that had happened; they didn't believe that he was being **earnest**.

- A. funny B. creative C. honest D. insidious

What clues in the sentence lead you to your choice?

6. **Jovial:** Unlike Bob, who treated others rudely and kept to himself, Tom was **jovial**, friendly, and outgoing.

- A. cheerful B. rude C. indifferent D. lonesome

What clues in the sentence lead you to your choice?

Context Clues [HARD MODE]

Directions: read each sentence and determine the meaning of the word in bold using cross-sentence clues or your prior knowledge. Then, explain what clues in the sentence helped you determine the meaning.

1. **Melodramatic:** Although Alan only got a tiny cut on his finger, he became **melodramatic** and asked for a doctor.

Definition: _____ (Which word class? Positive, neutral, or negative meaning?)

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

2. **Peculiar:** Since it was a school day, Denise found it **peculiar** that she saw no children on the street.

Definition: _____ (Which word class? Positive, neutral, or negative meaning?)

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

3. **Outcast:** If a wolf refuses to help its pack hunt, it becomes an **outcast** and must go on alone.

Definition: _____ (Which word class? Positive, neutral, or negative meaning?)

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

4. **Observe:** The teacher called out the students' name after she **observed** them chatting in class.

Definition: _____ (Which word class? Positive, neutral, or negative meaning?)

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

5. **Blazing:** Vincy had to put on her sunglasses and wear a big hat because of the **blazing** summer sun.

Definition: _____ (Which word class? Positive, neutral, or negative meaning?)

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

6. **Murmur:** After being fired from the job, Tammy quietly **murmured** something in anger.

Definition: _____ (Which word class? Positive, neutral, or negative meaning?)

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?