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Vocabulary

Use the context to help you figure out the best definition of the underlined word in each of the following sentences.

Select the word or phrase you choose.

1. I cannot hear what you are saying over the din of the subway trains.
a. soft sound b. loud noise c. bad odor d. enchanting music
2. A mouse must seem huge to an ant.
a. very delicious b. very strange
c. extremely small d. extremely large
3. Since I have always lived in the country, I am leery of exploring the city streets by myself.
a. suspicious b. comfortable c. eager d. determined
4. The young child was too timid to sing in front of an audience even though she was very talented.
a. delighted b. angry c. relaxed d. shy
5. When the music teacher heard the boy play the violin, he prophesied that he would be a great success one day.
a. argued b. lectured c. predicted d. wrote
6. It is easier to chew a tender string bean than a stringy steak.
a. soft b. tough c. green d. rotted

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Questions:

- 1. Why does Chester begin to feel happy in the city?**
- 2. How do Mickey and Mr. Smedley each express their admiration for Chester?**
- 3. Why does Mario head for Chinatown?**

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Prediction

What do you think is going to happen next?

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