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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

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| <input type="radio"/> (A) never wrong | <input type="radio"/> (C) wrong |
| <input type="radio"/> (B) mistaken | <input type="radio"/> (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

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| <input type="radio"/> (A) destroyed | <input type="radio"/> (C) created |
| <input type="radio"/> (B) saved | <input type="radio"/> (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

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| <input type="radio"/> (A) ample | <input type="radio"/> (C) rotten |
| <input type="radio"/> (B) alive | <input type="radio"/> (D) appealing |

4. Phyllis felt elated when she won the race.

Using the explanation clue, the word **elated** in this sentence means

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| <input type="radio"/> (A) sick | <input type="radio"/> (C) tired |
| <input type="radio"/> (B) miserable | <input type="radio"/> (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

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| <input type="radio"/> (A) strong | <input type="radio"/> (C) clumsy |
| <input type="radio"/> (B) loud | <input type="radio"/> (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

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| <input type="radio"/> (A) fight | <input type="radio"/> (C) hurricane |
| <input type="radio"/> (B) sunshine | <input type="radio"/> (D) creature |