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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