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WORD DETECTIVE: ON THE CASE

Read the example sentences below and hunt for clues: synonyms, antonyms, explanations and examples. Look closely at the **bold word**. Then take your best guess at what the word means, and write a short definition in the blank.

1. Elijah was really happy when he found out that he got an A on his exam. He felt **elated**!

2. Ian was so **irate** that he wanted to throw something, but he took a deep breath and then he felt better.

3. I didn't think his outfit was plain at all! I actually thought it was quite **ornate**.

4. My pet guinea pig is an **herbivore**, so I only feed him plants, never meat.

5. Maria was being so **antagonistic** yesterday. I think she was trying to pick a fight!

6. When Lana put on her queen costume — a long robe, a fancy necklace and a big crown — she looked **regal**.

7. "No," Mark said, "I don't think these flowers are dying. In fact, they're totally **thriving**!"

8. Erica was feeling really **lethargic** on Sunday. She didn't have any energy left after the amusement park trip.

9. Elephants and hippos have a **pewter** color to their skin.

10. My dad always tells me to stop **dawdling** and hurry up, or we'll be late!
