

Context Clues Practice 2

Q1. When Beth and Donna were fighting over a boy who didn't like either one of them, Shana stepped in as a mediator. She sat them both in a corner and kept them talking to each other. Finally, Shana's efforts resulted in her two friends making up.

In this sentence the mediator means what?

- A. trouble maker
- B. Peacemaker
- C. competitor
- D. witness

Q2. No one suspected that Jerry was a spy. On the surface he behaved like any normal citizen. When his covert activity was discovered and announced to the world, we were all shocked.

What does covert mean?

- A. friendly
- B. helpful
- C. loud
- D. hidden

Q3. I am working very hard for the same candidate that you support. You are doing it for pay. I'm not doing this for money. I'm doing it out of conviction.

What does conviction mean?

- A. being found guilty
- B. strong belief
- C. anger
- D. a desire to eat prunes

Q4. I want you to weigh his words carefully. He seems sincere and presents his arguments well. There is, however, something that doesn't quite ring true about the candidate.

What does "weigh" mean in the context of the selection?

- A. to measure the mass
- B. to put pressure on a scale
- C. to think about
- D. to be important

Q5. Michael is an ardent supporter of his presidential candidate. That became obvious to me when I found out how much time he's donated to the campaign. Perhaps Michael knows what he's doing.

What does "ardent" mean in the context of the selection?

- A. old
- B. intelligent
- C. foolish
- D. very strong