

Comprehension

Using Context Clues to Learn Word Meanings

SYNONYM CLUES

In the exercises that follow synonym clues help you to understand the meaning of the words in heavy print. Read the sentences and complete each exercise.

Exercise 1:

The teacher **reprimanded** or scolded the pupils for making noise in the class. She asked them to **cease** or stop the noise.

1. Choose the word that means **reprimanded**. _____
2. Choose the word that means **cease**. _____

Exercise 2:

The police caught the **burglar** or thief, as he was trying to **escape** or get away with the stolen goods. The court sent the burglar to the **penitentiary** or prison for stealing. After spending five years in the prison for committing the crime the prison **released**, let loose, the prisoner and allowed him to return home.

Complete each sentence below with a suitable word from the passage.

1. A burglar is a _____.
2. **Escape** means _____.
3. **Released** means _____.
4. A penitentiary is a _____.

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ANTONYM CLUES

In the exercises that follow, antonym clues help you to understand the meaning of the words in heavy print. Read the sentences and complete each exercise.

Exercise 1:

When the student asked the rich woman to sponsor her in the spelling competition, she gave a **meagre** sum money, even though she could give more.

1. Meagre means _____.

Exercise 2:

After looking closely at the children's teeth, the dentist extracted Elijah's bad tooth. However, he did not take out any of Sam's teeth because they were in good shape.

1. Extracted means _____.