

Context Clues Worksheet

Instructions: Read each paragraph carefully. Use context clues to determine the meaning of the **bolded word**. Choose the best answer from the options provided.

1. Every year, my brother and I **debate** on who has the best football team in town. What is the meaning of the word "**debate**"?
 - a) To play together
 - b) To argue or discuss
 - c) To ignore each other
 - d) To celebrate quietly
2. The king's **edict** stated that all men over the age of 17 must join the kingdom's army. What is the meaning of the word "**edict**"?
 - a) A royal command or order
 - b) A friendly invitation
 - c) A secret plan
 - d) A historical event
3. I decided I would **defy** my mother's rule, and I would eat my dessert first. What is the meaning of the word "**defy**"?
 - a) To obey
 - b) To challenge or resist
 - c) To forget
 - d) To agree with
4. Many people don't know that Benjamin Franklin used the **pseudonym** Mrs. Silence Dogood for some of his writing. What is the meaning of the word "**pseudonym**"?
 - a) A pen name or fake name
 - b) A famous quote
 - c) A true identity
 - d) A published book
5. I didn't know who left me the Valentine because it was signed "From **Anonymous**". What is the meaning of the word "**anonymous**"?
 - a) Well-known
 - b) Written in code
 - c) Unknown or not named
 - d) Friendly