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## Context Clues: Explanations

1. The boy acted in a humane way when taking care of the lost dog.

In this sentence, the word **humane** means

- (A) hurtful
- (B) caring
- (C) mean
- (D) bad

2. I asked if I could go to Hailey's party, and Mom said she would have to give it some consideration before she gave me an answer.

In this sentence, the word **consideration** means

- (A) paint
- (B) thought
- (C) flame
- (D) mistake

3. An evanescent ring surrounded the moon as it rose. It was there for a moment, and then it disappeared.

In this sentence, the word **evanescent** means

- (A) full
- (B) bright
- (C) brief
- (D) ongoing

4. Matt has such a kind disposition that he always helps people.

In this sentence, the word **disposition** means

- (A) doctor
- (B) attitude or way
- (C) enemy
- (D) show-off

5. It is hard to believe that it's been a whole century since the airplane was invented.

In this sentence, the word **century** means

- (A) month
- (B) week

6. Ellie is a blithe young girl. She always greets everyone with a smile.

In this sentence, the word **blithe** means

- (A) cheery
- (B) angry

<p><input type="radio"/> C 100 years  <input type="radio"/> D day</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> C sad  <input type="radio"/> D unhappy</p>
<p>7. The runner was last in the race. He began to feel great duress to get ahead of the other racers. He needed to win to keep his standing in the sport.</p> <p>In this sentence, the word <b>duress</b> means</p> <p><input type="radio"/> A pressure  <input type="radio"/> B order  <input type="radio"/> C belief  <input type="radio"/> D view</p>	<p>8. My little sister is a nuisance when she asks too many silly questions.</p> <p>In this sentence, the word <b>nuisance</b> means</p> <p><input type="radio"/> A teacher  <input type="radio"/> B friend  <input type="radio"/> C help  <input type="radio"/> D pest</p>
<p>9. John Public committed an offense when he robbed the bank.</p> <p>In this sentence, the word <b>offense</b> means</p> <p><input type="radio"/> A money  <input type="radio"/> B murder  <input type="radio"/> C crime  <input type="radio"/> D cash</p>	<p>10. She winced in pain when the rock fell on her foot.</p> <p>In this sentence, the word <b>winced</b> means</p> <p><input type="radio"/> A flinched  <input type="radio"/> B cried  <input type="radio"/> C jumped  <input type="radio"/> D screamed</p>

## Context Clues: Contrast Clues

<p>11. Johnny was besotted in not checking the depth of the water before he jumped in, but it was a good thing that his father was wise and checked it first.</p> <p>Using the contrast clue, the word <b>besotted</b> in this sentence means</p> <p><input type="radio"/> A decent  <input type="radio"/> B unaware</p> <p><input type="radio"/> C foolish  <input type="radio"/> D incomplete</p>
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12. Brad made a **cursor** effort to finish his homework. This was unlike him; usually he worked hard to finish before dinner.

Using the contrast clue, the word **cursor** in this sentence means

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| <input type="radio"/> A insincere | <input type="radio"/> C valid  |
| <input type="radio"/> B genuine   | <input type="radio"/> D actual |

- 13 I thought the painting of the waves crashing into the shore was very **picturesque**, but I thought the one next to it was quite ugly.

Using the contrast clue, the word **picturesque** in this sentence means

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| <input type="radio"/> A attractive | <input type="radio"/> C colorful |
| <input type="radio"/> B large      | <input type="radio"/> D soothing |

14. The omnipotent superhero always won his battles, unlike his weak opponents.

Using the contrast clue, the word **omnipotent** in this sentence means

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| <input type="radio"/> A almighty or all powerful | <input type="radio"/> C powerless |
| <input type="radio"/> B weak                     |                                   |

15. After being ill and unable to eat for three days, Beverly had a voracious appetite.

Using the contrast clue, the word **voracious** in this sentence means

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| <input type="radio"/> A satisfied | <input type="radio"/> C small |
| <input type="radio"/> B quenched  | <input type="radio"/> D big   |

16. We were all pretty apathetic in the movie about animals, but we became interested when it started showing all the tricks dogs could do.

Using the contrast clue, the word **apathetic** in this sentence means

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| <input type="radio"/> A gracious | <input type="radio"/> C uninterested |
| <input type="radio"/> B angry    | <input type="radio"/> D sleepy       |

## Context Clues: Synonyms

17. The book of logic contained many **conundrums** - mind-exercising puzzles.

Using the synonym clue, the word **conundrums** in this sentence means

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| <input type="radio"/> A pictures | <input type="radio"/> C answers |
| <input type="radio"/> B stories  | <input type="radio"/> D puzzles |

18. Jackie was filled with **mortification**, or shame, because of her careless remark.

Using the synonym clue, the word **mortification** in this sentence means

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| <input type="radio"/> A proud | <input type="radio"/> C confident |
| <input type="radio"/> B shame | <input type="radio"/> D happy     |

19. His **rancor**, or hatred, of his brother has caused him to live his life as a lonely person.

Using the synonym clue, the word **rancor** in this sentence means

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| <input type="radio"/> A love     | <input type="radio"/> C tolerance |
| <input type="radio"/> B generous | <input type="radio"/> D hatred    |

20. The events for the conference were listed in chronological order. They began with the first event of the day and ended with the closing ceremonies in the evening.

Using the synonym clue, the word **chronological** in this sentence means

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| <input type="radio"/> A out of order | <input type="radio"/> C messed up |
| <input type="radio"/> B broken       | <input type="radio"/> D in order  |

21. There was crazy **pandemonium** as people were trying to leave the rock concert.

Using the synonym clue, the word **pandemonium** in this sentence means

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| <input type="radio"/> A silence            | <input type="radio"/> C order |
| <input type="radio"/> B craziness or chaos | <input type="radio"/> D peace |

22. The man was sent to the penitentiary, or prison, for stealing cars.

Using the synonym clue, the word **penitentiary** in this sentence means

(A) paradise  
(B) hotel

(C) prison  
(D) heaven

### Context Clues: Antonyms

23. Although Tom was anxious about the test, Tina was not worried at all.

Using the antonym clue, the word **anxious** in this sentence means

(A) forgetful  
(B) worried

(C) calm  
(D) not worried

24. Two new girls started school this week. Beth has a gregarious personality. Jenna is rather quiet.

Using the antonym clue, the word **gregarious** in this sentence means

(A) shy  
(B) bashful

(C) timid  
(D) outgoing

25. If you don't conquer your fears, they will beat you.

Using the antonym clue, the word **conquer** in this sentence means

(A) lose  
(B) win

(C) talk about  
(D) forget

26. While Lily was careful not to be seen as she peeked out the window, Phil was not as cautious and was seen!

Using the antonym clue, the word **cautious** in this sentence means

(A) careful  
(B) not careful

(C) risky  
(D) trouble

27. Although the princess is familiar to those in London, she is unknown to the rest of the world.

Using the antonym clue, the word **familiar** in this sentence means

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| <input type="radio"/> A pretty | <input type="radio"/> C old        |
| <input type="radio"/> B smart  | <input type="radio"/> D well-known |

28. Although Mary was willing to play in the snow, Jack was **reluctant** because he was so cold.

Using the antonym clue, the word **reluctant** in this sentence means

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> A ready   | <input type="radio"/> C not willing |
| <input type="radio"/> B willing | <input type="radio"/> D excited     |

## Context Clues: Comparison Clues

29. The girls languidly put on their jackets as if they had no energy at all.

Using the comparison clue, the word **languidly** in this sentence means

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| <input type="radio"/> A energetically | <input type="radio"/> C energy-less |
| <input type="radio"/> B quickly       | <input type="radio"/> D actively    |

30. The mother was determined to prove her son's innocence; the father was **resolute** as well.

Using the comparison clue, the word **resolute** in this sentence means

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| <input type="radio"/> A wavering   | <input type="radio"/> C not determined |
| <input type="radio"/> B determined | <input type="radio"/> D unsure         |

31. Some people feel perplexed by brain teasers, while others figure them out quickly.

Using the comparison clue, the word **perplexed** in this sentence means

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| <input type="radio"/> A troubled or confused | <input type="radio"/> C calm    |
| <input type="radio"/> B at ease              | <input type="radio"/> D relaxed |

32. After being unable to get a good night's sleep for many days, Allyson became lethargic. She didn't have the energy to get out of

bed.

Using the comparison clue, the word **lethargic** in this sentence means

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| <input type="radio"/> A active | <input type="radio"/> C exhausted |
| <input type="radio"/> B bubbly | <input type="radio"/> D lively    |

33. Instead of climbing into bed, she decided to take a nap on the chaise.

Using the comparison clue, the word **chaise** in this sentence means

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| <input type="radio"/> A sleeping bag       | <input type="radio"/> C chair |
| <input type="radio"/> B bed-like furniture | <input type="radio"/> D floor |

34. The unsubstantial story was as if she were retelling a dream.

Using the comparison clue, the word **unsubstantial** in this sentence means

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> A realistic | <input type="radio"/> C unreal |
| <input type="radio"/> B true      |                                |