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Discovering Meaning Through Context

Read the following sentences. Three meanings are given for each italicized word. Use the context of the sentence to figure out which meaning is correct. Underline the correct meaning.

Example: Annemarie was afraid she had hurt Mama's feelings and *hesitated* before saying any more.

looked waited moved

1. Annemarie and Ellen took the long way home, *avoiding* the soldiers.

looking for dodging talking to

2. Kirsti was in a hurry and *scampered* ahead of the older girls.

ran looked paused

3. Whenever Lise was mentioned, Mrs. Johansen got a *pained* look on her face.

angry sad thoughtful

4. Annemarie and Ellen thought the Hirschs' son looked awful with his thick glasses and *unruly* hair.

messy wavy shiny

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5. The boy held on to the handlebars and wrinkled his nose to *nudge* his glasses into place.

remove push sneeze

6. Annemarie didn't want to think about the dangers facing Ellen, so she tried to convince herself that the problems were *imaginary*.

horrible obvious not real

7. Her face *glowering*, Kirsti stomped into the room and started to complain.

looking angry full of joy sunburned

8. At the sight of her ugly new shoes, Kirsti *bellowed* in anger.

entered screamed agreed

9. The remains of the Danish naval *vessels* lay at the bottom of the harbor.

ships soldiers castles

10. After being separated from her parents, Ellen put her face in her hands and *sobbed*.

nodded whispered cried