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Context Clues: Explanations

1. Katie appeared infallible in math class because she had never gotten a problem wrong.

Using the explanation clue, the word **infallible** in this sentence means

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| ☐ A never wrong | ☐ C wrong |
| ☐ B mistaken | ☐ D incorrect |

2. The tornado annihilated the whole town to the point that nothing was left standing.

Using the explanation clue, the word **annihilated** in this sentence means

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| ☐ A destroyed | ☐ C created |
| ☐ B saved | ☐ D constructed |

3. We could tell by the rotten smell, that something putrid was in our trash can.

Using the explanation clue, the word **putrid** in this sentence means

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| ☐ A ample | ☐ C rotten |
| ☐ B alive | ☐ D appealing |

4. Phyllis felt elated when she won the race.

Using the explanation clue, the word **elated** in this sentence means

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| ☐ A sick | ☐ C tired |
| ☐ B miserable | ☐ D happy |

5. The insidious burglar was able to sneak into the house without being heard or seen.

Using the explanation clue, the word **insidious** in this sentence means

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| ☐ A strong | ☐ C clumsy |
| ☐ B loud | ☐ D sneaky |

6. The voters were so upset about the outcome of the election that a skirmish broke out and the police had to break it up.

Using the explanation clue, the word **skirmish** in this sentence means

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| ☐ A fight | ☐ C hurricane |
| ☐ B sunshine | ☐ D creature |