

# Read Words in Context

## Vocabulary Words

|               |            |
|---------------|------------|
| attorney      | objection  |
| circumstance  | occupant   |
| conference    | ordeal     |
| conviction    | popularity |
| enterprise    | privilege  |
| investigation | session    |
| justice       | threshold  |
| license       |            |

## Word Learning Tip!

A **noun** names a person, a place, a thing, a quality, or an idea. The main noun is usually the subject of the sentence and tells who or what the sentence is about. Nouns may be singular or plural. Most plural nouns end in -s. You can use these clues to find the meaning of many unknown words.

## Vocabulary Building Strategy

**Use Context Clues** You can find the meaning of an unfamiliar noun by thinking about all the meanings in the noun's context. All the words and sentences near the noun make up its context. You can also think about the meaning of the passage as a whole. This will help you determine a noun's meaning.

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## The Trial

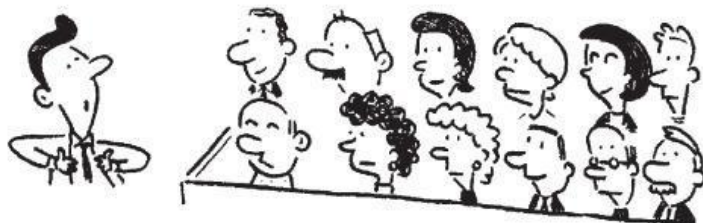
The **attorney** for the defense stood before the jury. The courtroom was hushed. The judge leaned forward, waiting for the gray-suited young lawyer to speak.

"Ladies and gentlemen," he began, "Ms. Bolton has been accused of driving without a **license**. The fact is, she has a driver's license, which permits her to drive a car. She merely left it home on the day a police officer stopped her. Because of this small mistake, she has been put through a terrible **ordeal**, including a police **investigation** with the police searching for the facts."

"If this trial results in a **conviction** and Ms. Bolton loses her license, she will be unable to continue the business **enterprise** she recently started: a driving service for the disabled. Would that be **justice**? Would it be fair to anyone? No, it would be a truly sad **circumstance**, a truly unfortunate state of affairs. Ms. Bolton is a careful driver who is mindful of the **occupants** in her car. These people, as well as Ms. Bolton, would be hurt by this decision.

"Driving is a **privilege**, not a right. Not everyone deserves it. People who misuse a privilege should have it taken from them. Ms. Bolton has not misused this privilege.

"Justice is not about **popularity**. If you don't like me because I have been loud in my **objections** during this trial, don't take it out on Ms. Bolton. She is a good citizen whose business is just on the **threshold** of success. She is on the brink of making her enterprise pay off. When you go into the jury room for your **conference** at the end of this court **session**, please vote not guilty."



# Connect Words and Meanings

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|--------------|---------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| attorney     | conviction    | justice   | occupant   | privilege |
| circumstance | enterprise    | license   | ordeal     | session   |
| conference   | investigation | objection | popularity | threshold |

**Directions** Find the vocabulary word that fits each definition below. Write it on the line. You may use the glossary at the back of the book to help you.

| Definition  | Word  |
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| 1. a difficult and painful experience   | _____ |
| 2. a careful search for facts   | _____ |
| 3. fair treatment   | _____ |
| 4. a statement or feeling of dislike or disapproval   | _____ |
| 5. being well-liked or having lots of friends   | _____ |
| 6. a document giving official permission<br>permission to do something or own something               | _____ |
| 7. a meeting of a group to discuss work; a period of<br>time set aside to work on a specific activity | _____ |
| 8. the beginning point of something   | _____ |
| 9. comes after one is found guilty in a trial   | _____ |
| 10. someone who fills a position or lives in a place  | _____ |