

English II

HOMework 2 - GUESS MEANING FROM CONTEXT

Guess the meaning of words

Example: The snake **slithered** through the grass. It was hunting.

- A) stopped moving **INCORRECT:** the sentence above says THROUGH the grass. 'Through' means there is some movement.
- B) slept in the grass **INCORRECT:** the sentence above says he is hunting. Snakes don't sleep when they hunt.
- C) ate something **INCORRECT:** the sentence above says he is hunting. Snakes don't eat when they are hunting. They eat AFTER they hunt.
- D) moved or traveled **CORRECT ANSWER:** the sentence above says THROUGH the grass. 'Through' means that there is movement.

1. Guess the meaning of the word in bold. Use the context (the other words in the sentence to help you guess the meaning).

1) The tiger's **roar** could be heard in villages far away.

What does **roar** probably mean?

- A) food a tiger eats
- B) a tiger's dream
- C) a tiger's ear
- D) a sound a tiger makes

2) The thought of eating a rat is **abhorrent** to most people.

What does **abhorrent** probably mean?

- A) fun, lively
- B) horrible, repugnant
- C) delicious, tasty
- D) sweet, sugary

3) My **absent-minded** teacher loses his keys, his book and his chalk almost every day!

What does it mean to be **absent-minded**?

- A) be hateful
- B) not pay attention
- C) be intelligent
- D) not like someone

4) The lovely **egret** is in danger of extinction because clothing manufacturers use their long, beautiful tail feathers to make ladies' hats.

What is an **egret**?

- A) a small child
- B) a type of food
- C) a sound a tiger makes
- D) a type of bird

5) I can't believe it! Right in the middle of our conversation, Peter turned around **abruptly** and walked out of the room!

What does **abruptly** probably mean?

- A) formally
- B) slowly, in no hurry
- C) suddenly, without notice
- D) quietly, in an unusual manner

6) When Sara was sick, her voice was almost **inaudible**. We couldn't hear what she was trying to say clearly.

What does **inaudible** probably mean?

- A) very loud, easy to hear
- B) very soft, hard to hear
- C) very strange, uncommon
- D) very shy, introverted

7) Can you see the **nest** in that tree? There are four baby birds in it. They are calling for their mother. Look! Now the mother is coming. She has some food for her babies.

What is a **nest**? _____

8) Quick! Call the police! There is a man near my house. He has a **mask** on his face. You can see only his eyes. His clothes are all black.

What is a **mask**? _____

9) These bananas are beautiful. But they are not **ripe**. They are still very green. We can't eat them today. Please put them away. We can eat them next week.

What is a **ripe** fruit? _____

10) Please do not **shout**! I am not old, and my ears are still good. I am here next to you, and I can hear you very well.

What does **shout** mean? _____