

# 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? \_\_\_\_\_