

CONTEXT CLUES

A. Watch the video on what Context Clues is about.

B. Read the sentences. Use the information in them to help you choose the right meaning of the word being asked.

1. Later in the speech, Michelle Obama says...

"And today, as First Lady, whenever the term "authentic" is used to describe me, I take it as a tremendous compliment, because I know that I am following in the footsteps of great women like Maya Angelou. But really, I'm just a beginner -- I am baby-authentic. Maya Angelou, now she was the original, she was the master."

The word authentic most likely means

a. True b. honest c. appropriate d. genuine.

2. 1) It is common knowledge that you are not supposed to cheat. So why do so many students still do it? Rutgers Management Education Center surveyed 4,500 high school students across the country. According to the results, 75 percent of them cheat. Another survey of 18,000 students on 23 college campuses found that nearly 40 percent of students plagiarize from the Internet. Several college students also confessed to fabricating lab reports, inventing the data instead of taking the time to conduct the experiments.
- (2) These students jeopardize their academic careers each time they take a short cut. Losing credit for a class and getting expelled are among the many consequences for cheating in academic institutions. Schools often note instances of

academic dishonesty on student transcripts, causing detriment to the students' future educational and employment opportunities.

Read the sentence from the passage.

"These students jeopardize their academic careers each time they take a 'short cut.'"

What does the word **JEOPARDIZE** most likely mean?

- a. design b. put at risk c. play with d. excuse

3. "There was nothing to do but flop down on the shabby little couch and howl." Which word in this quoted sentence indicates the couple's poverty?

- a. nothing b. flop c. shabby d. howl

5. The festival was bright and colorful, but Danny's clothes were PALLID and lacked vibrancy. What is the definition of PALLID?

- a. unaware b. hostile c. dull d. direct

6. Keith is considering changing his major from Marketing to a focus in Entrepreneurship. To help make a better decision, he requests permission from the Dean of the College of Business to audit a course in the Entrepreneurship track. This will allow him to sit through a class in that subject area and see if he's really interested in it. After the course, he will sit with his academic counselor and make a decision about his major.

As it is used in the passage, audit most nearly means?

- a. to attend a course without formal credit. c. methodical examination and review.
b. a formal examination of financial accounts. d. to take a course without paying for it.

7. In times of crisis, police officers must appear nonchalant while helping upset citizens.

In this sentence, nonchalant means:

- a. calm b. high strung c. panic d. agitated

8. The defendant felt vindicated when the truth became known and all charges were dropped against him.

In this sentence, vindicated means:

- a. cleared from blame c. cleared from obligation
b. cleared from peer pressure d. cleared from expectations

9. While Janice was on the cruise ship, she lived the life of a hedonist and spent most of her days in search of pleasure.

In this sentence, hedonist DOES NOT mean:

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| a. person who seeks pleasure | c. person who seeks joy |
| b. person who seeks boredom | d. person who seeks happiness |

10. I _____ opened the door to the cellar after I heard a loud noise.

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| a. haphazardly | b. sarcastically | c. coquettishly | d. hesitantly |
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