

Context Clues 2.6

Directions: read each sentence and determine the meaning of the word using cross sentence clues or your prior knowledge. Then, explain what clues in the sentence helped you determine the word meaning.

1. **splendor:** You really should wake up early and watch the sunrise. Nature's **splendor** is truly unmatched.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

2. **morose:** Ever since he lost his job as a highly paid tester at the candy factory, Tommy has been **morose**.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

3. **preposterous:** I thought it was **preposterous** that Brian tried to convince us that he had a candy bar tree.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

4. **misconstrue:** When we came into the classroom and saw the little candy bars on our desks, I **misconstrued** it to mean that we should eat the candy bars before waiting for instructions. I only realized my error after chewing up mine.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

5. **parchment:** The gray-bearded wizard unrolled the **parchment** and began reading the words to the peasants assembled in the town square.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

6. **premise:** The whole **premise** of his argument relies on the reader believing that cities are a desirable place to live, which is an opinion that is not shared by everyone.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

7. **earnest**: Are you going to take this scholarship in **earnest**, or are you just accepting it to party and drop-out a semester or two later?

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

8. **melancholy**: I feel so gloomy and **melancholy** on Wednesday mornings, and I don't even know why.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

9. **impudence**: Be careful. If you question the commander in the slightest way, he will perceive that to be a sign of **impudence** and order you to clean the toilets with a toothbrush.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

10. **condescend**: The employee had asked a good question, but he made a minor mistake in his word choice so the manager **condescended** him by saying, "Well, actually, *farther* refers to physical distance. *Further* refers to abstract distance."

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

11. **assertion**: John did not find supporters for his **assertion** that medical care should be free in the room full of well-paid doctors.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

12. **cursory**: Though I did not have time to read it all, after a **cursory** review of the report, I was surprised to see that people spent so much money on cat shampoo.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?