

## Context Clues 2.5

**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. **signify:** She considered that Byron's latest efforts in the classroom might **signify** his desire to make a positive change.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

2. **laborious:** Dexter wanted to take honors math, but the course load was too **laborious** alongside his football practices.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

3. **furtively:** After Mom found the devoured cake, the dog crouched **furtively** behind the couch..

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

4. **melodious:** The choir delighted the audience with their **melodious** tune.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

5. **smitten:** When I saw that she was making a special Valentine's Day card just for Kevin, I knew that she was **smitten** with him.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

6. **grotesque:** The giant garbage monster moved his **grotesque** head from side to side as he yelled at the children for stepping on his lawn.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

7. **prodigy**: The music teacher didn't usually take such young children, but when he saw the four year old play Beethoven's 5th without missing a note, he had to make an exception for this **prodigy**.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

8. **profound**: His reading abilities have improved in a **profound** way since he stopped playing around in class and started doing his homework every night.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

9. **unison**: The two girls responded in **unison**, "We didn't do anything," which only made the principal more suspicious.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

10. **indignant**: I became **indignant** after the hostess seated another group of people that arrived at the restaurant after we did.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

11. **sagacity**: The people in the community respected their mayor for the **sagacity** he has shown in managing the town's government through hard times.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

12. **tremulous**: Janna was able to control her nerves during rehearsals, but on opening night her voice was **tremulous** and difficult to understand.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?