

Context Clues 2.2

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

1. **Discontent:** If we use the red napkins, my mom will be happy, but my dad will be **discontent**.

Definition:

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

2. **Morsel:** The dogs were so hungry that they would have killed one another for a **morsel** of meat.

Definition:

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

3. **Fretful:** My mom always worries about my grades and the colleges that I'll be able to attend, but if she were a little less **fretful** she'd be a lot more fun.

Definition:

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

4. **Wither:** Alice finally threw the **withering** roses away when a dead petal fell into her cereal bowl.

Definition:

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

5. **Simultaneous:** Few were impressed by Kirstin's presentation, "How to Walk and Chew Gum at the Same Time," even though Kirstin was able to **simultaneously** walk and chew gum.

Definition:

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

6. **Reluctant:** As Kevin remembered the promise he made earlier, he **reluctantly** agreed to help Jennie move her stuff into her new apartment.

Definition:

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

7. **Sustain:** It is difficult to **sustain** a smile when your whole world is falling apart.

Definition:

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?