

## Context Clues 2.1

**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. **Detest:** Everyone else at the party wanted garbage pizza but Tim because he **detested** vegetables.

Definition: **To strongly dislike**

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

**Tim doesn't want the garbage pizza because he doesn't like vegetables.**

2. **Alter:** Grandpa didn't know that Suzie was coming along on the fishing trip, and now he had to **alter** his plans.

Definition: **Change**

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

**Grandpa has to adjust to Suzie on the fishing trip.**

3. **Melodramatic:** When Kiki got a tiny cut on her pinky finger, she got all **melodramatic** and began sobbing and demanding a doctor.

Definition: **With exaggerated emotion**

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

**She is requesting a doctor for a tiny cut on her pinky.**

4. **Remorse:** As Tommy walked home with the money from the church he had stolen in his pocket, powerful feelings of **remorse** bubbled in his stomach.

Definition: **Guilt or regret**

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

**Stealing from the church makes his stomach bubble.**

5. **Inquiry:** When the other moms heard about how Charlene had won the baking contest, her email box was flooded with **inquiries** for her award winning muffin recipe.

Definition: **Seeking information or asking questions**

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

**People are interested in learning her muffin recipe.**

6. **Perch:** The children were **perched** on the edge of the sofa arms, waiting to hop off and land on the next unlucky passerby.

Definition: **To wait at a position off of the ground**

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

**The children are waiting to attack from the sofa.**

7. **Earnest:** Jeremiah joked around so much that when he told the others about the accident that had occurred, they didn't believe that he was being **earnest**.

Definition: **Serious; not joking**

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

**He jokes around so much that people can't tell when he's being serious.**

8. **Jovial:** Unlike Bob, who treated others rudely and kept to himself, Bobby was **jovial**, friendly, and outgoing.

Definition: **One who enjoys company; cheerful**

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

**Bob is rude and Bobby is the opposite of Bob as the sentence structure implies.**

9. **Demeanor:** My grandma's **demeanor** was such that people often thought she was being rude when she was just being honest.

Definition: **nonverbal behaviors; body language; how she carries herself**

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

**People react in unexpected ways to her words.**

10. **Beckoned:** The lady decided that it was tea time and so, by jingling a tiny silver bell, she **beckoned** her servants to attend.

Definition: **Call**

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

**She uses the bell to summon her servants.**

11. **Dismal:** With the field torn up by the players' cleats, and the cold rain falling in waves, conditions on the playing field were **dismal**.

Definition: **Gloomy; rainy**

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

**It is muddy and rainy on the baseball field.**

12. **Immense:** Lula would have attempted the walk home, had it not been for the **immense** mountain that stood between her and her destination.

Definition: **Very large**

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

**The mountain prevents her from walking home.**