

Assessment Preparation: *Context Clues*

Chapter Six

In most assessments, you must infer meanings of words by looking at **context clues**, or clues within the entire sentence or paragraph as a whole. You must look at how the word is used in the sentence in order to make an inference.

Directions: For each vocabulary word from Chapter 6, first indicate the part of speech in which the word appears (noun, verb, etc.), as well as the tense in which the word is used, if applicable. Then, indicate which words in the sentence give clues to the word's meaning by underlining those key words. Then write an original definition for the vocabulary word based upon those clues. Finally, look up the word and write down the real definition. How accurate is your definition?

Ex. Since prices had increased by 10%, I **grudged** the cost of the airfare to the cashier.

- a. Part of Speech: verb b. Tense: past
- c. Inference: reluctantly gave
- d. Definition: verb; to give or permit with reluctance

1. When Janna was unfairly accused of cheating, her face turned red from the **indignation**.

- b. Part of Speech: _____ b. Tense: _____
- c. Inference: _____
- d. Definition: _____

2. Renovating the house was **laborious** work.

- a. Part of Speech: _____ b. Tense: _____
- c. Inference: _____
- d. Definition: _____

3. Many can say that Hitler was full of **malignity**, which was directed towards the Jews.

- a. Part of Speech: _____ b. Tense: _____
- c. Inference: _____
- d. Definition: _____

4. Since we knew we would be camping far from any store, we had to make sure we stuck to the **rations** that we allotted ourselves for each day.

- a. Part of Speech: _____ b. Tense: _____
- c. Inference: _____
- d. Definition: _____

5. Knowing he was to blame for the fight, John took the initiative and **reconciled** with Lisa.

- a. Part of Speech: _____ b. Tense: _____
- c. Inference: _____
- d. Definition: _____

6. After working for a week on my essay, I looked forward to a calm **repose**.

- a. Part of Speech: _____ b. Tense: _____
- c. Inference: _____
- d. Definition: _____

7. Knowing that he was in charge, Tim was careful not to abuse his **superintendence**.

- a. Part of Speech: _____ b. Tense: _____
- c. Inference: _____
- d. Definition: _____