

Assessment Preparation: Context Clues

Directions: To review the vocabulary from Act One and practice the vocabulary from Act Two, circle the word which best replaces the underlined vocabulary word.

- After the girls stayed out past their curfew, they were apologetic for their malefactions.
a. grades b. indecisions c. indiscretions d. indifferences
- My teacher said that she needed more time to give a thorough perusal of our essays.
a. reading b. pursue c. opinion d. decision
- Jennie's little brother looks up to her and tries to emulate everything she does.
a. bother b. imitate c. forgive d. cover up
- A full moon is often looked at as a portentous symbol.
a. evil b. ominous c. illuminated d. strong
- Maggie's parents expostulated against her spending the night over her friend's house.
a. forced b. yelled c. protested d. warned
- The rumor was that apparitions were seen at the old Smithy house.
a. animals b. graves c. omens d. ghosts
- In New Orleans, we knew a funeral was nearby because we heard a dirge.
a. prayer b. moan c. violin d. song
- The graduation party was an occasion of mirth and family togetherness.
a. wonder b. celebration c. honesty d. fights
- Jonathan's obsequious behavior towards Natalie ironically won him a date to the prom.
a. loyalty b. portentous c. subservient d. assertive
- There, hidden behind the arras, were the shoes Dominique had been looking for for over a week.
a. bookshelf b. curtain c. window d. closet
- The lighthouse stood proudly on the rocky promontory.
a. peninsula b. ocean c. mountain d. sandbar
- The swarms of mosquitoes carried a pestilent disease.
a. mundane b. tedious c. lethal d. bothersome
- Randy decided that if he were called to serve his country, he would fain to do so.
a. wrongly b. happily c. wantonly d. foolishly
- Linda was able to avouch John's whereabouts on the night of the crime.
a. confirm b. deny c. reason d. testify