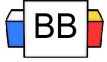




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Question: What is your favorite mystery of all time?

Answer:



Directions: Underline or highlight any bold word that appears in the video.

Preview Question

Directions: Determine the meaning of **gagaba** in this sentence.

Amy was incredibly **gagaba** when the clown unexpectedly jumped out of the trash can; it reminded her of her 23rd surprise birthday party.

Meaning:

What are context clues?

- Context clues are hints or indications that give the reader clues about the meaning of an unknown word.
- We usually use the same sentence (where the unknown word appears) and the sentences around it to determine the meaning.



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How do I use context clues?

There are 3 techniques that a reader can use to determine the meaning of an unfamiliar word.

1. Definition
2. Example
3. Compare and Contrast

Technique 1: Definition

In this case, the definition of an unknown word can actually be found in the sentence itself/sentences around it.

Question: What is the meaning of the bold word?

Brandon has a **supercilious** attitude; he thinks he is better than everyone else.

Meaning:

Question: What is the meaning of the bold word?

Mr. Goodie Grammar is full of **verve** and excitement. He puts all his energy into each grammar lesson.

Meaning:



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Definition and Punctuation

Also, in many cases, writers will insert the definition of an unknown word between parentheses and parenthetical commas (double commas).

Question: What is the meaning of the bold word?

The **herpetologist**, a scientist who studies reptiles and amphibians, accidentally stepped on a snake.

Meaning:

Note: The information within the parenthetical commas (the two commas) inserts the definition after the unknown word to clarify it.

Technique 2: Example

For this technique, readers can find the meaning of an unknown word through the example/situation in which the unknown word appears.

Question: What is the meaning of the bold word?

The young child was **indignant** when his parents only grounded him and not his brother for sneaking out of the house. It did not seem fair to him.

Meaning:



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Question: What is the meaning of the bold word?

As the Kool-Aid Man and Captain Crunch debated and disagreed, I realized that they are clearly different, in fact, the **antithesis** of one another.

Meaning:

Technique 3: Compare and Contrast

For this technique, readers can actually use words that compare and contrast the unknown word. In a way, synonyms and/or antonyms appear in the same sentence as the unknown word to give context to its meaning.

Question: What is the meaning of the bold word?

Tonya is an **altruistic**, unselfish, and giving person who volunteers for various charities.

Meaning:

Question: What is the meaning of the bold word?

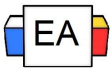
We were all saddened to hear about the passing of Austin's goldfish; however, we were **elated** to find out that he had received a new one.

Meaning:



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Overall: A reader can use all of these techniques at once (if present in a sentence) to identify the meaning of an unfamiliar word.
This provides the reader with more information to define the unknown word successfully.



Directions: In this section, determine the definition of the bold word. Then, underline the words/phrases that helped indicate the definition.

Question: What is the meaning of the bold word?

Veronica is full of **humility**; however, her friend Jonathan is arrogant, cocky, and narcissistic.

Meaning:

Question: What is the meaning of the bold word?

After Brad was dismissive and rude to Sofia, she had the **notion** that he did not respect her.

Meaning:

Question: What is the meaning of the bold word?

The Kool-Aid Man is a **purveyor** of knowledge about the positive effects of sugar; he is very informative and loves to tell anyone listening.

Meaning:



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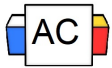
Question: What is the meaning of the bold word?

The neighborhood **rapscallions** threw toilet paper all over a home, smashed mailboxes with a bat, and set a bag of dog poop on fire.

Meaning:

Question: What is the meaning of the bold word?

Blake is a **sycophant**, a flatterer for personal gain, who will sabotage anyone to get ahead in his career.



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Your Answer: