

Bellwork

Name: _____

Context Clues 1.1

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

Monday

1. **Dignity:** Even when the police officers put the handcuffs on my mother, she maintained her **dignity**, holding her head up high as she was marched off the protest site.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

2. **Splendid:** The rays from the rising sun shined **splendidly** through our kitchen window.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

3. **Particle:** John was so hungry that he didn't leave a single **particle** of the muffin on the plate.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

Tuesday

4. **Elegant:** Cassie took her time when she wrote in cursive, slowly making each word out of an **elegant** series of arcs and loops.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

5. **Injustice:** Kevin thought that it was a great **injustice** that girls could wear earrings in the school while the boys could not.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

6. **Decline:** After *Gears of Pain 6* came out, the amount of people playing *Gears of Pain 5* **declined**.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

Wednesday

7. **Paradise:** When Rex had a bone, a warm spot to lie, and someone petting him, he was in **paradise**.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

8. **Fascinate:** Alvin went to the museum every Saturday because he was so **fascinated** by art.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

9. **Yearn:** Even though John had a good job and a nice family, he **yearned** for more.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

Thursday

10. **Seldom:** Since professional athletes have to stay in peak physical shape, most athletes **seldom** eat junk food.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

11. **Delicate:** Tracy held the flower as gently as she could, fearing that the **delicate** stem would break.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

12. **Remark:** Jennie didn't like the jacket her mother bought her until several strangers made **remarks** about how much they liked it.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?