

# Bellwork 3/27

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## Context Clues 2.2

**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. **Degrade:** Suzie's mother taught her to never let anyone **degrade** her, so now she demands respect in all of her relationships.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

2. **Frivolous:** My mom wanted to get the red napkins for the party and my dad wanted the blue napkins, but I'm not even concerned about such **frivolous** things.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

3. **Discontent:** If we use the red napkins, my mom will be happy but my dad will be **discontent**.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

4. **Morsel:** The dogs were so hungry that they would have killed one another for a **morsel** of meat.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

*Thursday* 5. **Fretful:** My mom always worries about my grades and the colleges that I'll be able to attend, but if she were a little less **fretful** she'd be a lot more fun.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

6. **Appall:** John had seen horror movies before, but when he saw *Bloodcore 6*, he was so **appalled** by the bloodshed that he wrote the newspapers warning parents not to allow their children to see this movie.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

7. **Wither:** Alice finally threw the **withering** roses away when a dead petal fell into her cereal bowl.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

8. **Simultaneous:** Few were impressed by Kirstin's presentation, "How to Walk and Chew Gum at the Same Time," even though Kirstin was able to **simultaneously** walk and chew gum.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

Friday 9. **Reluctant:** As Kevin remembered the promise he made earlier, he **reluctantly** agreed to help Jennie move her stuff into her new apartment.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

10. **Reproach:** Miss Annie **reproached** Johnny for the missing chocolate chip cookies, even though Johnny is allergic to chocolate.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

11. **Penitent:** It is difficult to forgive someone who has hurt you, even if that person is **penitent** and expresses regret for their decisions.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

12. **Sustain:** It is difficult to **sustain** a smile when your whole world is falling apart.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?