

# Context Clues Task Cards

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- A. Boring
- B. Impressive
- C. Breathtaking

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- C. Nauseating

**#2**

*Joseph explained that not completing their commitment would be **detrimental** to the company both financially and socially.*

Which answer choice best describes the meaning of the word **detrimental** as it is used in the sentence above?

- A. Harmful
- B. Beneficial
- C. Favorable

**#3**

*For their economics class, students were assigned a project in which they explain the factors involved in making companies **profitable**.*

Which answer choice best describes the meaning of the word **profitable** as it is used in the sentence above?

- A. Impractical
- B. Worthless
- C. Money-making

**#4**

*The executives at the corporation were very interested in making a **lucrative** business deal with their partner organization because it meant they would gain a lot of money and publicity.*

Which answer choice best describes the meaning of the word **lucrative** as it is used in the sentence above?

- A. Making a profit
- B. Unproductive
- C. Exciting

**#5**

*Sarah reminded Trayci not to be too **generous** when it comes to giving out candy on Halloween because she might run out.*

Which answer choice best describes the meaning of the word **generous** as it is used in the sentence above?

- A. Honest
- B. Kind
- C. Giving

**#6**

*Texas weather is so **capricious**! One day it's cold and rainy, the next it feels like summertime, and I can't get used to it.*

Which answer choice best describes the meaning of the word **capricious** as it is used in the sentences above?

- A. Suddenly changing
- B. Awkward
- C. Predictable

**#7**

*All of the teachers favored Hannah because she had an **inquisitive** mind and never hesitated to ask questions about new information learned.*

Which answer choice best describes the meaning of the word **inquisitive** as it is used in the sentence above?

- A. Busy
- B. Curious
- C. Intelligent

**#8**

# Answer Key

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|-------|-------|
| 1. A  | 14. A |
| 2. B  | 15. B |
| 3. A  | 16. B |
| 4. C  | 17. C |
| 5. A  | 18. C |
| 6. C  | 19. A |
| 7. A  | 20. A |
| 8. B  | 21. A |
| 9. A  | 22. B |
| 10. C | 23. A |
| 11. B | 24. B |
| 12. B | 25. C |
| 13. A | 26. A |

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# Context Clues for Multiple Meaning Words

**attach** 1) v. to connect or fasten an object 2) v. to connect by ties of affection 3) v. to think of as belonging

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- A. Definition 1
- B. Definition 2
- C. Definition 3

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**abide** 1) v. to put up with or bear 2) v. to wait patiently for 3) v. to last or endure

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**#2**

**about** 1) adv. approximately 2) adv. to and fro 3) prep. on the subject of, concerning

*I watched as the furry little creature stumbled **about**. It must have gotten separated from its momma. I want to help it so badly.*

- A. Definition 1
- B. Definition 2
- C. Definition 3

**#3**

**abroad** 1) adv. out of one's country, in or to foreign countries 2) adv. broadly, widely 3) spread around, in circulation

*Larissa sat with Gregory for a few minutes yesterday at lunch, and today rumors are **abroad** that the two are dating.*

- A. Definition 1
- B. Definition 2
- C. Definition 3

**#4**

**accent** 1) n. the stress or force a speaker uses to pronounce one or more syllables of a word 2) n. a mark that indicates stress on a syllable 3) n. style of speech that is typical of a specific region or country

*Even though my dad grew up in America, his French **accent** is still very strong from his childhood in Europe.*

- A. Definition 1
- B. Definition 2
- C. Definition 3

**#5**

**bank** 1) n. the rising ground that borders a body of water 2) n. a place or organization in which money is saved, invested and exchanged 3) n. a supply or stock for future use

*I felt so great when I donated my blood to the blood **bank**. I know that I will be able to save lives just by taking time to give my blood.*

- A. Definition 1
- B. Definition 2
- C. Definition 3

**#6**

**band** 1) n. a group of people or animals 2) n. a strip of flexible material used to hold things together 3) n. a group of musicians who play together

*As we awaited Justin Bieber's opening song, his **band** played a few popular songs and invited many fans onto the stage.*

- A. Definition 1
- B. Definition 2
- C. Definition 3

**#7**

**bound** 1) v. to leap or jump 2) n. a leap or jump 3) adj. headed or intending to go in a certain direction

*My first college track meet was one for the books. Blaine Listach, a high jumper for one of the top Division I schools in the nation, **bounded** into the air before clearing a height of over seven feet.*

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