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Context Clues and Clue Types

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| 1. We could tell by the rotten smell, that something putrid was in our trash can.In this sentence, the word **putrid** means1. alive c. ample
2. rotten d. appealing

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2. cool d. Awkward

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| 3. Janice thought the man was kind, but Casey thought he was malicious. In this sentence, the word **malicious** means1. harmful c. sweet
2. friendly d. cute

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2. gun d. book

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| 5. The speaker’s comments were detrimental to Carl’s reputation. Following the remarks, the speaker agreed to a public apology, which included valuable comments about Carl.In this sentence, the word **detrimental** means1. nice b. useful
2. hurtful d. good

Clue type: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | 6. Becky had an innate ability to play the piano. She had never taken a lesson, yet she was able to play the most complicated songs.In this sentence, the word **innate** means1. trained c. unnatural
2. natural d. learned

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| 7. I know that Jeff is smart, so I was confused when he did such a vacuous thing as to jump off the roof of our house.In this sentence, the word **vacuous** means1. stupid c. annoying
2. outstanding d. cowardly

Clue type: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | 8. The man was sent to the penitentiary, or prison, for stealing cars.In this sentence, the word **penitentiary** means1. paradise c. Heaven
2. prison d. hotel

Clue type: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 9. Jill’s capricious behavior shows up when she speaks out of turn.In this sentence, the word **capricious** means 1. careless c. stable
2. careful d. steady

Clue type: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | 10. I watched as the eagle swooped down and grabbed his prey with his talon, or claw.In this sentence, the word **talon** means1. beak c. claws
2. teeth d. feathers

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