

Context Clues: Definitions and Restatements

DIRECTIONS Using the steps from **Thinking It Through** on page 136, define the italicized words in the sentences below.

- Circle the signal words or punctuation signals (if any), and underline the definition or restatement for each of the italicized words.
- Then, write your best guess about the meaning of each italicized word in the space provided.

1. He is one of the most *prolific* writers of his generation; that is, few authors have produced more work than he has.

Best guess: _____

2. Most articles published in scientific journals are preceded by a *synopsis*, a statement giving a brief outline of the article.

Best guess: _____

3. My favorite photograph was taken from the *apex*—the highest point—of an Alaskan mountain.

Best guess: _____

4. The ancient Egyptians used a writing system known as *hieroglyphics*, a system of pictures representing words or syllables.

Best guess: _____

5. Rainfall across the state was *sporadic*, scattered across isolated areas.

Best guess: _____

6. Her behavior after finding a wallet on the sidewalk was *ethical*; she did the right thing.

Best guess: _____

7. The second speaker's comments were *irrelevant*; that is, they did not relate to the rest of the discussion.

Best guess: _____

8. Be sure to *paraphrase* your sources, rewriting the information in your own words.

Best guess: _____

9. I have taken guitar lessons for years, but I am still only a *mediocre* musician. Unfortunately, my playing is merely average.

Best guess: _____

10. The hiker followed a *rivulet*, or small stream, until it joined a much larger river.

Best guess: _____

3. Examine contributing factors.

- Drivers are mentally distracted from driving.
- suppressed peripheral vision

4. Propose a solution.

Cautiously pull over to the side of the road and find a place to park before making a call on a cell phone.

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Responses will vary but should be linked to the text. Sample responses follow.

Focus on the Problem

1. State the problem.

Depression is a serious problem for teenagers, and many do not get help.

2. Give evidence.

Four out of every one hundred teenagers become seriously depressed every year.

3. Examine contributing factors.

- Teens believe they are just feeling 'moody' rather than depressed.
- Teens may lack motivation to get help or may feel embarrassed.

4. Propose a solution.

Counseling, medicine, or a combination of the two can help 80 percent of people struggling with depression.

Focus on the Solution

1. State the problem.

There are effective treatments for depression.

2. Give evidence.

- A counselor can help a depressed person reevaluate his or her view of the world and deal with contributing circumstances.
- Medicine can help with extreme depression.

3. Propose and examine solutions.

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1. He is one of the most *prolific* writers of his generation (; that is, few authors have produced more work than he has.

Best guess: productive

2. Most articles published in scientific journals are preceded by a *synopsis* (, a statement giving a brief outline of the article.

Best guess: summary

3. My favorite photograph was taken from the *apex* (— the highest point —) of an Alaskan mountain.

Best guess: peak

4. The ancient Egyptians used a *writing system* (known as hieroglyphics (, a system of pictures representing words or syllables.

Best guess: picture writing

5. Rainfall across the state was *sporadic* (, scattered across isolated areas.

Best guess: irregular