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Use Context Clues

Practice

Print these pages and then write your answers.

Definitions

Circle the words in each sentence that define the underlined word.

1. Someone who is flexible is someone who can adapt and change.
2. Seed dispersal is the scattering of seeds by birds and other animals.
3. The leader of our state is the governor.
4. An auditorium is a place where people listen to speakers.
5. The musicians know how to collaborate, meaning they know how to work together.

Examples

Circle the words in each sentence that serve as examples of the underlined word.

1. We volunteer for charities, such as the American Red Cross, to help people in need.
2. Our bodies need many nutrients, including vitamins and minerals.
3. Lava from a volcano is made of rock, metal, gas, and other substances.
4. The towns are separated by natural boundaries that include a river and a forest.
5. American colonists had many different occupations, such as blacksmithing and carpentry.

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Restatements

A. Circle the words in each sentence that serve as restatements of the underlined word.

1. The state legislators, or lawmakers, supported the governor's plan.
2. The students wanted the opportunity, or chance, to discuss the book.
3. The music teacher started an orchestra, or music group, this year.

B. Complete each sentence below by restating the underlined word. You may use a dictionary to help you.

1. She is a volunteer at the hospital; in other words, she works _____.
2. George Washington defied, or _____, the British rule of the colonies.

Cause/Effect Relationships

Circle the words in each sentence that show a cause/effect relationship to the underlined word.

1. John was anxious about moving to another state because he was nervous about living in a new place.
2. Her face wrinkled as she laughed, so that her cheeks scrunched up and lines appeared at the corners of her eyes.
3. Grandfather said that the code was a triumph because each message was sent and received with success.
4. Because autumn arrived, the leaves of the trees began to wither.
5. We repeated the lesson over and over so that it would be easy to remember.

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Comparisons

A. Circle the words in each sentence that show a comparison to the underlined word.

1. Dermont was forlorn when he first left home for camp, but soon he was hopeful that he would enjoy the summer.
2. Colonists with different religions were treated fairly, unlike in their home countries, where they were often persecuted.
3. I wanted my art project to look remarkable, not ordinary.

B. Complete each sentence below to show a comparison to the underlined word. You may use a dictionary to help you.

1. The fierceness of lions is in contrast to the _____ of cows.
2. The new mattress was supple, not _____ like the old one.