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OF HELPFUL CONTEXT CLUES

Type	Description	Sentence Example
Definition	<p>author provides a direct definition of an unfamiliar word in the sentence.</p> <p>SIGNAL WORDS: <i>is, means, refers to</i></p>	_____ is barrel-shaped drum.
Synonym	<p>author uses another word or phrase that is similar in meaning, or can be compared, to an unfamiliar word.</p> <p>SIGNAL WORDS: <i>identical, like, likewise, same, similarly</i></p> <p>SIGNAL WORD: <i>or</i></p> <p>PUNCTUATION: set off by commas</p>	<p>My dog Buck travels everywhere with me. My friend's canine _____ buddy _____ with him, _____ too.</p>
Antonym	<p>author uses another word or phrase that means about I opposite of, or is in contrast with, an unfamiliar word.</p> <p>SIGNAL WORDS: <i>however, in contrast, instead of, the other hand, though, unlike</i></p>	<p>the movie _____ be weird, but _____ out to be totally _____.</p>
Example	<p>author provides several words or ideas that are of an unfamiliar word.</p> <p>WORD SIGNAL <i>example, for instance, including, such as,</i></p>	<p>science we are studying marine _____ mammals _____ poses.</p>
General	<p>author provides some nonspecific clues to the meaning of an unfamiliar word, often spread over several sentences.</p>	<p>he rode his bike everywhere. _____ driving a car was way _____.</p>

T H E V O C A B U L A R Y S T R A T E G Y

TEACHING
CHART

figure out the meaning of an unfamiliar word that you come across while reading:

For Context Clues the Words, Phrases, and Sentences
the Unfamiliar Word

For Word Part Clues the Unfamiliar Word

Try to Break the Word into Parts. (If you can't, skip to Step 3.)

Look at the Root Word. What does it mean?

Look at the Prefix. What does it mean?

Look at the Suffix. What does it mean?

Put the Meanings of the Word Parts Together. What is the
of the unfamiliar word?

the Word Meaning Step 2 (and 2.)

Out of My Meaning in the Original Sentence Check
or Not Makes Sense in Context

the Dictionary if Necessary, to Confirm Your Meaning

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