

PRACTICE USING CONTEXT CLUES

Guess the meanings of the words below, using only **context clues** provided in the sentences.

1. **indomitable**: His will to live was indomitable—strong and undefeatable—and eventually his health began to improve.

Definition: _____

2. **acquiesced**: Robert was not happy that his parents withdrew him from college, but he acquiesced, quietly accepting their decision.

Definition: _____

3. **gregarious**: Janet is a gregarious person, always enjoying the company of other people, whether they are friends or strangers.

Definition: _____

4. **terse**: The senator's remarks were terse, yet those few words clearly expressed his strong feelings on the issue.

Definition: _____

5. **laudable**: The book was not laudable and did not deserve the praise it received.

Definition: _____

6. **abridged**: The paperback version of the novel was not abridged even though it looked shorter. It contained the whole story.

Definition: _____

7. **lucrative**: Teaching has never been a very **lucrative** profession, but the people who go into it don't expect to get rich. They anticipate rewards other than money.

Definition: _____

8. **pinnacle**: When Napoleon was at the pinnacle of his power, he governed most of Europe. But in a few short years, he would fall from this high point.

Definition: _____

9. **veracity**: Since the witness was a proven liar, the jury had no faith in the veracity of his testimony.

Definition: _____

10. **altruistic**: George Washington Carver was an altruistic scientist whose research was directed at improving the income of poor southern farmers. He never acted selfishly.

Definition: _____