

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: _____