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Vocabulary and Context Clues 1

Directions:

Read each sentence. Look for clues about the meaning of the boldfaced word. Underline another word or phrase that helps you understand it.

1. Hank was an **opportunist**, taking advantage of every possible angle.
2. My mother was **candid**, honestly sharing her ideas on the subject.
3. The **stupendous** actor attracted everyone's attention because he was so good.
4. President Miller's policies changed society, **catalysts** for improved living around the country.
5. Peter was likely to be late, and **apt** to forget necessary supplies as well.
6. **Exchanging** screen names is almost like trading phone numbers.
7. The preacher's charm and **charisma** made him attractive to both young and old.
8. The yellow cookie had a bite out of it, looking like nothing so much as a crumbly **crescent** moon.
9. Elizabeth had the perfect **trifecta** of attributes: power, beauty and money.
10. **Precisely** where were you last night, and exactly what were you doing?

Put the letter of the matching definition on each line:

_____ precisely

_____ trifecta

_____ opportunist

a. Very, very good

_____ charisma

b. One who takes advantage

_____ catalysts

c. Group of three

_____ candid

d. Honest

_____ stupendous

e. Trading one for another

_____ apt

f. Agent of change

_____ crescent

g. Likely

_____ exchanging

h. Shape like a portion of a circle

i. Exactly

j. Extremely attractive quality

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Vocabulary and Context Clues 2

Directions:

Read each sentence. Look for clues about the meaning of the boldfaced word. Underline another word or phrase that helps you understand it.

1. He realized that his **carriage** was important, so he walked proudly with his back straight.
2. The surface was **marred** by deep scratches and gouges.
3. Many **media** were used in the artwork, including paint, colored pencils and crayons.
4. The soft, bouncy surface **cushioned** his landing.
5. The two of them are usually **civil** but today they were quite impolite to each other.
6. Sarah demonstrated how much she cared for others by showing **compassion** to the man in the store.
7. The salesman obviously wanted to **haggle**, so we offered a lower price.
8. The local economy was based on a **barter** system, so the doctor often was paid with fresh produce from the farms.
9. Tom was known to be a **cad**, treating others without respect or kindness.
10. Greta shared many **traits** with her sister, including attributes like honesty and humor.

Put the letter of the matching definition on each line:

___ haggle

___ cad

___ carriage

___ marred

___ barter

___ traits

___ cushioned

___ civil

___ compassion

___ media

a. Polite and kind

b. Bargain

c. A disreputable person

d. Posture and body language

e. Damaged

f. Trade

g. Characteristics or attributes

h. Softened

i. Kindness and caring

j. Artistic materials