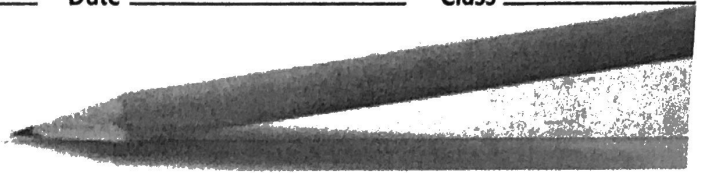




Vocabulary Power



Lesson 13 Using Context Clues

What does it take to meet life's challenges? What qualities can help you overcome some of the hurdles you might encounter? What are the best ways to address a problem, examine its likely consequences, and then make them work in your favor? The words in this lesson relate to these questions.

Word List

beguile

demure

equanimity

fortitude

hidebound

laud

obscurity

resilient

sagacious

tumult

EXERCISE A Synonyms

Each boldfaced word is paired with a synonym whose meaning you probably know. Brainstorm other related words and write your ideas on the line provided. Then, look up the vocabulary word in a dictionary and write its meaning.

1. **resilient**: flexible _____
Dictionary definition _____
2. **sagacious**: wise _____
Dictionary definition _____
3. **equanimity**: composure _____
Dictionary definition _____
4. **fortitude**: strength _____
Dictionary definition _____
5. **obscurity**: vagueness _____
Dictionary definition _____
6. **beguile**: deceive _____
Dictionary definition _____
7. **demure**: shy _____
Dictionary definition _____
8. **hidebound**: narrow-minded _____
Dictionary definition _____
9. **tumult**: commotion _____
Dictionary definition _____



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10. **laud**: praise _____
Dictionary definition _____

EXERCISE B Context Clues

Answer each question based on your understanding of the boldfaced word.

1. Do you think Michael Jordan spent his basketball career in **obscurity**? Why or why not? _____

2. How do you think a **resilient** person would react to getting a bad grade on a math exam? _____

3. Is it a good characteristic for professional comedians to be **demure**? Explain your answer. _____

4. What is one thing your school does to **laud** students? _____

5. Do you think it would be easy to **beguile** skilled magicians? Why or why not? _____

6. Could a **tumult** occur in your town's sports arena if one of the teams won a championship by one point?
Why or why not? _____
7. Name someone you feel is **hidebound**. What evidence do you have for feeling this way? _____

8. If a customer throws a temper tantrum when the clerk overcharges him ten cents, does his behavior show **equanimity**? Explain your answer. _____

9. Is it a **sagacious** decision to jaywalk on a crowded downtown street? Why or why not? _____

10. Which two words in this lesson do you think are nearly opposite in meaning? Explain your answer. _____
