How Do You Use Context Clues?



ANSWERS

- 1. Beethoven began to **compose** new music on his piano before he turned 12.
 - a. to break down
 - b. to make up
 - c. to listen or hear
 - d. to read or understand
- 2. After it was robbed, the bank decided to **suspend** all of its activity until the police arrived.
 - a. to stop or put on hold
 - b. to send home
 - c. to hold up high
 - d. to resume or continue
- 3. I placed the delicate feather in a glass jar to **preserve** it for my collection.
 - a. display for a large audience
 - b. to collect
 - c. make jam or jelly
 - d. keep in safety and protect from harm
- 4. King George, the British **monarch** in 1765, opposed American independence.
 - a. a butterfly with orange and black coloring
 - b. a military general
 - c. a person who rules over a kingdom or empire
 - d. an important historical figure
- 5. Somehow, the sneaky rats have been able to **evade** all the traps we set.
 - a. to enter a place without permission
 - b. to avoid or dodge
 - c. to leave or exit
 - d. to be curious

Directions: Read each sentence below. Then, write a definition for the underlined words.

6. Jojo walked **cautiously** along the icy path so that she wouldn't fall.

Definition: carefully (similar definitions or synonyms are ok)

7. The magician knew he would **astound** his audience when he pulled a tiger from his hat.

Definition: to surprise or amaze (similar definitions or synonyms are ok)