How Do You Use Context Clues?

Directions: Using context clues, choose the correct definition for the underlined words in each of the sentences below.

1. Mr. Mehl was quite impressed by Janaya's plan for the new recycling program, so he decided to <u>endorse</u> it in the school paper.

a.	to question the value of	с.	to seek help for
b.	to publicly approve of	d.	to try to accomplish

2. Can you tell me the correct **procedure** to apply for a passport? I want to make sure I don't miss any steps.

- a. series of planned actions c. tradition
- b. instructions for a computer d. rules
- 3. Isaiah hoped to **nourish** the neglected garden by watering the plants regularly and fertilizing the soil.

a.	learn about	c. discourage
b.	clean up	d. care for and feed

- 4. Although the art club didn't have much money, the members were **resourceful**. They built artwork using collected materials such as second-hand clothing and plastics.
 - a. able to be positive when dealing with sadness
 - b. able to work together

c. able to be creative when faced with problems

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- d. able to become rich
- 5. Riley and Jayla **ardently** support the creation of a professional women's soccer team in their hometown because they both grew up playing and loving the sport.

a. strongly and deeply

b. loudly and angrily

- c. solemnly and seriously
- d. hastily and busily

Directions: Use the context clues to determine the meaning of each underlined word below. Then, write a definition for the underlined words. **Possible answers**

6. Aisha wondered what was wrong with her brother. He was usually **jovial**, but today he seemed anxious and gloomy.

Definition: cheerful

7. The entryway was <u>adorned</u> with flowers and glittering ornaments, which added to the festive atmosphere of the house.

Definition: decorated

8. The old man's **countenance** reflected his caring personality. You could see the warmth in his kind eyes and gentle smile.

Definition: face or facial expression