

# Using Context Clues

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**Instructions:** Sometimes when reading, we come across a word that we don't quite know the meaning of. Sometimes looking up the word in the dictionary is an option, and sometimes it's not. Use the context clues in the sentence to find the meaning of unknown words.

1. The coach **admonished** her for picking daisies when she should have been defending the goal.  
a. Criticized      b. Praised      c. Listened
2. He tried to **perturb** his sister by putting his foot closer and closer to her side of the car.  
a. Congratulate      b. Irritate      c. Question
3. She showed great **proWess** in the engineering competition and won first prize.  
a. Anxiety      b. Patience      c. Skill
4. I don't wish to **impede** your progress, I was merely trying to make sure you understand the instructions.  
a. Slow      b. Improve      c. Exaggerate
5. He just had to get back at the other player; he was quite **vindictive**.  
a. Loving      b. Thoughtful      c. Resentful
6. The **onslaught** of dishes came right after the party of 18 left the restaurant.  
a. Handful      b. Invasion      c. Trickling
7. The cat had some **trepidation** as it passed the dog's kennel.  
a. Confidence      b. Hunger      c. Unease

