Context Clues Exercises

After reading about Context Clues, complete the following exercise to demonstrate your knowledge of context clues.

1. Ninety-year-old Mrs. Wilson was a **philanthropist**. She gave her money to charities.

   **Philanthropist** means:
   
   A. A generous person
   B. A criminal
   C. An ill person
   D. A stamp collector

2. The audience lost interest quickly, but politely suffered through the **duration** of the guest speaker’s long presentation. **Duration** means:

   A. The final few minutes
   B. Excitement
   C. Period of time something lasts
   D. A brief period of time

3. The young woman was very **jovial**. She laughed at everyone’s jokes. **Jovial** means:

   A. Depressed
   B. Very happy
   C. Angry
   D. Quiet

4. The candidate **devised** a plan to win the election. His plan included lowering taxes and cutting government spending. **Devised** means:

   A. Considered
5. After his injuries, the football player’s lack of **coordination** was obvious. He had trouble walking in an even and smooth way. **Coordination** means:
   A. Ability to relate well to others
   B. Ability to cooperate with others
   C. Ability to run in an ordinary way
   D. Ability to make movements in a smooth way

6. The leader of the criminal gang felt remorse and tried to **sabotage** the plan to rob the market. **Sabotage** means:
   A. To defeat by betraying faith or trust
   B. To cause to happen
   C. To complete alone without aid
   D. To celebrate

7. The actor showed his **resiliency** when he began making another movie right after his earlier movie had been a flop. **Resiliency** means:
   A. The tendency to give up easily
   B. The ability to stretch
   C. The ability to recover quickly from misfortune
   D. The tendency to deceive oneself

8. Because of her **prestige** in the community, she is often asked to lend her name to charitable causes and to chair important civic projects. **Prestige** means:
A. Lack of respect
B. Living in the same place for a long time
C. A person’s high standing among others
D. Questionable reputation

9. Every president wants to leave his mark on history. If he wins a second term, he usually tries to build his **legacy** during those four years. **Legacy** means:
   A. A written document that explains or describes
   B. Something passed from one generation to another
   C. Time spent by oneself
   D. Outdoor activities

10. The lecture would have been interesting if the speaker’s microphone had worked. He was barely **audible** throughout the entire presentation. **Audible** means:
    A. Able to be seen
    B. Able to be heard
    C. Able to be mobile
    D. Able to speak