

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

- B. Brought up
 - C. Put together
 - D. Was known for
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