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Reading 7: Ms. Flynn

Class Notes

Clue words can help you make meaning from the context. It is important to recognize that sometimes the clue words will be absent or be used differently, but when they are featured in the sentence, it will help you to notice them and make use of them.

Clue Word	Clue word for...	Example in a sentence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Is” • “means” • “meaning” • an apostrophe (comma sandwich) 		“I went to sleep in the hammock , a giant spread of fabric hanging from tree to tree, and I didn’t wake up ‘til morning.”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “but” • “not” • “unlike” 		“Ed was known for being cantankerous , unlike his <i>good-natured</i> brother.”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Like” • “such as” 		“ Chortling like giggling can be positive or negative?”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lists • “including” • “such as” 		“Different ceremonies , such as weddings and funerals, were held there.”

Guided Practice

Directions: Write the context clue and the type of context clue it is. Then write what you think the word means.

1. “The room was full of her **kin**, such as her brother, sister, aunt, grandmother, and cousins.”

Context Clue	Type of Clue	Word and Meaning

Partners Do

1. “He was wearing a **burnoose**, a scarf worn around the head.”

Context Clue	Type of Clue	Word and Meaning

2. “She said the music would be **cacophonous** but it sounded beautiful to me.”

Context Clue	Type of Clue	Word and Meaning

3. “There was a bowl full of **citrus** fruits like oranges, lemons, and limes.”

Context Clue	Type of Clue	Word and Meaning

4. “Tell me about your dreams like what you want from your future or things you would like to do in your life.”

Context Clue	Type of Clue	Word and Meaning

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Directions: Read the article below and then fill in the tables on the back with the context clues, type of clues, and the likely meaning of bolded word.

“Punctuality”

Punctuality, being on time, is a popular character trait. It is prized by doctors and dentists. Patients who are late mess up their schedules and cause other patients to have longer waiting times. Teachers enjoy punctuality as well. Late students disrupt the flow of the class and may miss important information. Friends appreciate punctuality, too! No one likes to be kept waiting. Punctuality is the act of being on time. The opposite of punctuality is tardiness. It is a sign of respect to be on time; it is disrespectful to be late.

Some people are always late. They seem **disorganized**, unlike people who keep everything neat and tidy. Maybe they lose track of time. Maybe they get **distracted** by other things such as getting lost on the way, shiny pennies on the floor, or stopping to talk to friends. It doesn't matter what the excuse is, being late annoys those kept waiting. Have you ever had to wait for a friend to show up so that you could do something fun? Have you had a birthday party where you kept waiting for a tardy friend to finally show up? Have you ever stood waiting after school for your ride home, wondering whether you had been forgotten? You know how it feels to watch the clock and wonder what happened to the person who is supposed to meet you. Since you know how it feels, you should be careful not to do that to others.

Directions: Fill in the tables based on the article “Punctuality.”

Unknown word	Context Clue	Type of Clue	Word and Meaning
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Punctuality			
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Unknown word	Context Clue	Type of Clue	Word and Meaning
distracted			

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disorganized			

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Directions: Read the article below and then fill in the tables on the back with the context clues, type of clues, and the likely meaning of bolded word.

“Bonnie and Clyde”

Bonnie and Clyde were **notorious** criminals, not people who no one had every heard of. They robbed stores and banks. They murdered innocent people and even police officers. At the end of their two-year crime spree, they died, shot by police officers. Their story was front-page news.

Unlike most front-page crime stories, the story of Bonnie and Clyde was not forgotten the next day. It went on to become a **legend**, which means the story of Bonnie and Clyde has never died.

Bonnie and Clyde were growing up just as our country was going into the Great Depression. Bonnie's and Clyde's families were poor, like most everyone else at that time in history.

Then Bonnie met Clyde. She knew that Clyde was already involved in **petty** (like minor) crimes, but both of them felt that they were entitled to more than a life of poverty, and they didn't see anything wrong with robbing a store once in a while to get what they wanted.

It wasn't much of a surprise when Clyde ended up in jail. It wasn't the end of Clyde's crime spree either; it was only the beginning. Bonnie helped Clyde escape by smuggling a gun into Clyde's jail cell. Clyde escaped with Bonnie. Now they were both wanted criminals.

They took off together. Bonnie and Clyde traveling fast in stolen cars, stealing what they needed along the way. They knew that their life of crime couldn't last forever, but they wanted to make it last as long as they could because they were both **determined**: driven and motivated. They didn't let anything stand in their way. They didn't let anybody stand in their way either.

Directions: Fill in the tables based on the article “Bonnie and Clyde.”

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legend			

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petty			

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determined			