

USING CONTEXT CLUES

REMEMBERING THE DEPRESSION

Before completing this exercise, read “Surviving the Great Depression,” the personal accounts on the two preceding pages.

The excerpts of people’s recollections of the Great Depression include terms that may be unfamiliar to you. That’s OK. Readers often are able to understand

unfamiliar words by considering the context in which they appear. The rest of the sentence or paragraph serves as a clue to the word’s meaning.

The 10 words below appeared in “Surviving the Great Depression.” For each, fill in the circle next to the best definition.

1. banished

- (A) decided to leave
- (B) fired from a job
- (C) sent away; forced to leave
- (D) welcomed

2. blackballed

- (A) cheated at a ball game
- (B) excluded from work or membership
- (C) hired for a project
- (D) won a bet

3. commodities

- (A) automobile factories
- (B) common goals
- (C) fashionable trends
- (D) products to be sold

4. consequently

- (A) as a result of
- (B) happening at the same time
- (C) in the same order as
- (D) often

5. draw

- (A) copy
- (B) earn
- (C) make a sketch of
- (D) tie a score

6. obligations

- (A) bank accounts
- (B) debts
- (C) good investments
- (D) stock trading

7. peddled

- (A) grew blossoms
- (B) rode a bicycle
- (C) sold
- (D) swam awkwardly

8. relief

- (A) financial aid
- (B) job application
- (C) job training
- (D) relaxation

9. salvage

- (A) harvest crops
- (B) plant seeds
- (C) ruin
- (D) save from loss

10. secured

- (A) fired from a job
- (B) put in jail
- (C) reassured
- (D) was able to get