

# Understanding Context

Often, when you run into an unfamiliar word, the rest of the sentence or paragraph gives you clues to what the word means. Sometimes, even familiar words need to be in context for you to know which of various meanings the author intends.

Below are 10 words that appear in the April 27, 2009, issue of *Junior Scholastic*. First, choose the word or phrase that best defines the boldface word as it was used in the issue. Then use the word in a sentence of your own.

## QUESTIONS

- \_\_\_ 1. **absolve**: (A) add to; (B) forget; (C) judge not guilty; (d) put on trial  
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- \_\_\_ 2. **charismatic**: (A) admired; (B) having a magnetic personality; (C) in dispute; (D) welcome  
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- \_\_\_ 3. **confiscate**: (A) censor; (B) give back; (C) surprise; (D) take away  
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- \_\_\_ 4. **dictator**: (A) authority figure; (B) democratic leader; (C) secretary; (D) oppressive ruler  
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- \_\_\_ 5. **genocide**: (A) departure; (B) mass killing; (C) migration; (D) persecution  
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- \_\_\_ 6. **imperialism**: (A) Communism; (B) domination by powerful countries; (C) greed; (D) materialism  
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- \_\_\_ 7. **identity**: (A) confidence; (B) personal characteristics; (C) self-esteem; (D) self-respect  
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- \_\_\_ 8. **rebel**: (A) Confederate soldier; (B) intellectual; (C) opponent of the ruling authority; (D) yanqui  
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- \_\_\_ 9. **refugee**: (A) displaced person; (B) immigrant; (C) migrant; (D) supporter of the government  
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- \_\_\_ 10. **sanitation**: (A) allowance; (B) cleanliness; (C) disposal of waste; (D) raw sewage  
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