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# Get a Clue!

Have you ever come across a word you didn't know? You don't always have to reach for the dictionary.

First, try using **context clues**:

- Use other words in the sentence to figure out the meaning of the word you don't know.
- Determine the part of speech. For instance, if it's a verb, then you know its meaning can't be an adjective or a noun.

**Directions:** Read the following sentences. Use the context clues to find the meaning of the bolded words.

Each word is related to this issue's SCOPE 100.

1. Sarah is the most **agile** dancer in our dance company. She moves with such grace.

What part of speech is **agile**?

- Ⓐ noun
- Ⓑ verb
- Ⓒ adjective

What word or phrase best defines **agile** in this sentence?

- Ⓓ clumsy
- Ⓔ easy-moving
- Ⓕ jump

2. I am intimidated by Mark's **candidness**. I wish he could be more diplomatic.

What part of speech is **candidness**?

- Ⓐ noun
- Ⓑ adverb
- Ⓒ adjective

Which word best defines **candidness**?

- Ⓓ honesty
- Ⓔ frank
- Ⓕ knowledge

3. The **embellishments** Ellie sewed onto her dress matched her personality: bright, fun, and quirky.

What part of speech is **embellishments**?

- Ⓐ noun
- Ⓑ verb
- Ⓒ adverb

Which word best defines **embellishments** in this sentence?

- Ⓓ decorate
- Ⓔ additions
- Ⓕ ornately

4. Matt **harnessed** his natural charm and talent for telling stories to land a job selling advertisements for the local newspaper.

What part of speech is **harnessed**?

- Ⓐ noun
- Ⓑ verb
- Ⓒ adjective

Which word or phrase best defines **harnessed** in this sentence?

- Ⓓ utilized
- Ⓔ usage
- Ⓕ curbing

5. Winning the class election was a **triumph** for Sophie, who was new to the school.

What part of speech is **triumph**?

- Ⓐ noun
- Ⓑ verb
- Ⓒ adjective

Which word or phrase best defines **triumph** in this sentence?

- Ⓓ victorious
- Ⓔ victory
- Ⓕ conquer