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# Say What?

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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.
- See if you can determine the part of speech. Knowing the word is a verb as opposed to a noun will help you find its meaning.

**Directions:** Read the following sentences. Use context clues to find the meaning of the words in bold. (We picked really hard words on purpose!) Circle the definition you think best fits the word.

- As Jason walked through the doorway for the holiday dinner, his Auntie Mildred couldn't help but hug and **osculate** him on the cheek.
  - slap
  - kiss
  - facepaint
- Jason didn't eat all day in order to save room for the feast. As a result, he was making loud **borborygmi**.
  - stomach rumblings
  - declarations of love
  - bad jokes
- Cousin Billy has a bit of **lachanophobia**, so the sight of the broccoli and carrots next to the turkey made him nervous.
  - fear of vegetables
  - a pilot of planes
  - someone who wishes for world peace
- Jason got stuck sitting next to his Uncle Joe, who had a bad case of **logorrhea**. Jason could hardly get a word in as Uncle Joe told the same football stories Jason had heard a million times.
  - bad breath
  - a rash associated with sports
  - talking too much
- Something hilarious must have happened at the little kids' table, because they suddenly started to **cachinnate**.
  - laugh loudly
  - sneeze
  - discuss politics
- After eating seconds and thirds, the whole family was pretty **crapulous**.
  - silly and giddy
  - tired and lazy
  - stuffed from overeating
- Grandpa **pandiculated** on the couch. He was taking up the entire couch and snoring loudly as he slept.
  - curled up
  - perched
  - spread out, stretched
- In the kitchen, cousin Julie was needlessly arguing with Auntie Mildred about pumpkin pie versus apple pie. Cousin Julie can be such a **pettifogger**.
  - a lover of desserts
  - someone who argues about trivial matters
  - an excellent cook