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Context Clues

1. John was meticulous in his work as an artist. He took great pains to be detailed, precise, and thorough with all of his paintings.

   Using the example clue, the word **meticulous** in this sentence means

   (A) careful (C) messy
   (B) sloppy (D) casual

2. Bobby had a mishap when he fell out of the tree, but the accident didn't hurt him too badly.

   Using the comparison clue, the word **mishap** in this sentence means

   (A) event (C) confession
   (B) branch (D) accident

3. Ann's room was beautiful and reflected her personality while George's room was the opposite, so nondescript.

   Using the antonym clue, the word **nondescript** in this sentence means

   (A) descriptive (C) recognized
   (B) decorated (D) of no recognized type

4. The preliminary results are not necessarily the same as the final results.

   Using the contrast clue, the word **preliminary** in this sentence means

   (A) final (C) first
   (B) conclusion (D) last

5. Many great orators such as Benjamin Franklin, Patrick Henry, and James Madison laid the foundation for our constitution.

   Using the example clue, the word **orators** in this sentence means

   (A) critics (C) poets
   (B) writers (D) speakers

6. Biomes on Earth include the plants and animals in the grasslands, the plants and animals in the deserts, and the plants and animals in the rain forests.

   Using the example clue, the word **biomes** in this sentence means

   (A) prisons (C) catastrophes
   (B) small areas (D) communities

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Context Clues

7. Hurricane Katrina caused a great cataclysm - New Orleans was a disaster.

Using the synonym clue, the word **cataclysm** in this sentence means

(A) session (C) disaster
(B) wonder (D) miracle

8. We watched the deer play down in the vale, while the goats were on top of the mountain.

Using the comparison clue, the word **vale** in this sentence means

(A) valley (C) grass
(B) ocean (D) pasture

9. I had to stop and think about the unfathomable quote of the day.

Using the explanation clue, the word **unfathomable** in this sentence means

(A) easy (C) simple
(B) clear (D) deep or profound

10. The vociferous marching band was unlike the quiet music we listen to while going to sleep.

Using the contrast clue, the word **vociferous** in this sentence means

(A) loud (C) calm
(B) soft (D) quiet

11. It is nice that Amy is a tranquil child, but I'd like to see her more energetic at times.

Using the contrast clue, the word **tranquil** in this sentence means

(A) brave (C) sick
(B) difficult (D) calm

12. After hearing the beautiful orchestra play, other bands sound completely cacophonous.

Using the antonym clue, the word **cacophonous** in this sentence means

(A) musical (C) sweet sounding
(B) harsh or unmusical (D) harmonious