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Context Clues

1. Elliptical shapes, such as an oval or an egg, have rounded sides.

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

   (A) oval (C) straight
   (B) unbent (D) flat

2. Even from far away, the luminous glow of the city's lights could be seen against the dark sky.

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

   (A) dark (C) bright
   (B) invisible (D) black

3. The baby bird lay vulnerable, unlike the old cat that was ready to pounce.

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

   (A) protected (C) safe
   (B) secure (D) defenseless

4. 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) ocean (C) pasture
   (B) grass (D) valley

5. The altruistic volunteer put her life on hold to help the hurricane victims.

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

   (A) selfish (C) coldhearted
   (B) greedy (D) unselfish

6. Since bats are nocturnal mammals, they do not sleep at night.

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

   (A) firm (C) by night
   (B) nature (D) defeated

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Context Clues

7. Candles, flashlights, and lamps illuminate the room.

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

(A) light up
(B) lower
(C) darken
(D) weaken

8. The mother was determined to prove her son's innocence; the father was resolute as well.

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

(A) not determined
(B) determined
(C) unsure
(D) wavering

9. My younger sister can be an irritating nuisance when I am doing my homework.

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

(A) pleasure
(B) annoyance
(C) delight
(D) help

10. The lemon had an acrid taste, unlike the chocolate chip cookie that I had for lunch.

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

(A) bitter
(B) sweet
(C) delicious

11. The children in the science class worked together as a team. The great synergy that was created made the project a huge success.

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

(A) teamwork
(B) chaos
(C) conflict
(D) friction

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

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

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