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(Answer ID # 0741594)

Context Clues

1. An edifice, such as the Empire State Building, can take years to build.

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

- A concrete wall C steel
 B large building D coal mine

2. Samantha is so querulous, such as complaining that the teacher didn't call on her, that it's hard to be her friend sometimes.

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

- A ugly C whining
 B pleasant D hateful

3. Lori's mom stayed awake with the sick baby all night but found herself in quite the stupor the next day.

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

- A enthusiastic C tired state
 B energetic D awake

4. We heard the tabor, or small drum, sound throughout the forest.

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

- A small drum C style
 B textile D flute

5. His exuberant laughter was a sharp contrast to her quiet tears.

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

- A unhappy C sad
 B pathetic D enthusiastic

6. Dr. Smith is an entomologist, or an expert on insects.

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

- A tall person C expert on insects
 B expert on storage D fearful person

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Context Clues

19. The police arrived to confiscate, or seize, the stolen property of the criminal.

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

- A give away C lose
 B seize D donate

20. Animals from the equine group, such as horses and zebras, are hoofed mammals.

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

- A bird C reptile
 B horse group D fish

21. Had Tommy been wiser, he would not have pulled the inane prank on Mrs. Harris while she was in the teacher's lounge.

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

- A sardine C adequate
 B masculine D foolish

22. The Amish are very humble people, unlike the uppity people in the surrounding communities.

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

- A reformed C relieved
 B stuck-up D spiteful

23. I watched as the eagle swooped down and grabbed his prey with his talon, or claw.

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

- A teeth C claw
 B feathers D beak

24. Many people from the Orient are very careful not to cause ignominy, or dishonor, to their families.

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

- A problems C harm
 B dishonor D culture