

A MODERN FABLE  
Brutal Vocabulary Exam  
Using Context Clues to Figure Out a Word's Meaning  
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1. If someone bangs her head on a locker, a **sarcastic** thing to say would be:  
A. "Are you okay?"    B. "I hope the locker's okay."    C. "Let me help you."    D. "Ow, that must've hurt."
2. Which would be the most **deteriorated**?  
A. a child in the second grade    B. a 100-year-old bridge    C. a new trailer    D. a 32 inch TV
3. Which would be the most likely to make you feel **forlorn**?  
A. breaking your wrist    B. winning the lottery    C. getting your homework done    D. sleeping late
4. The gymnast on the balance beam \_\_\_\_\_ at the conclusion of her routine.  
A. survey the scene    B. dislodged    C. dismounted    D. dismayed
5. Which would most likely be a reason a guy's face was **contorted with dismay**?  
A. He found out his girlfriend was cheating on him.  
B. He found out he had failed the sixth grade (for the third time).  
C. He slammed his locker on his finger.  
D. A, B, and C are all correct.
6. The police were \_\_\_\_\_ by the case. There was no evidence to be found anywhere.  
A. dislodged    B. baffled    C. retracted    D. turkey basted
7. Which utensil would you use to get the last of the cake batter out of the bowl?  
A. retractor    B. baster    C. spatula    D. lumber
8. Big speakers with a subwoofer would be a nice addition to one's \_\_\_\_\_ system.  
A. audio    B. video    C. sarcasm    D. girth
9. Who or what has the most **girth**?  
A. a sumo wrestler    B. an elephant    C. an expensive necklace    D. an author of freaky short stories
10. Who or what is most likely to **lumber** across a field?  
A. a third grade girl    B. a dog  
C. a man who's 25 pounds overweight    D. a pro football lineman with a broken leg