

## A MODERN FABLE

### Vocabulary Fun #1

#### Using Context Clues to Figure Out a Word's Meaning

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### ANSWERS

**Directions:** Choose the answer that provides the best definition for the bold-faced word.

Rico Bazuti became so **proficient** that he could do a complete somersault on Oscar and then **dismount** with a back flip to the cheers of his brother Dinko.

1. **proficient** = **A. expert**    B. poor    C. stupid    D. fearful  
2. **dismount** = **A. get off**    B. fall down    C. sing    D. organize

3. ...Oscar would **lumber** across the schoolyard toward the woods before being caught and pounced upon.

- A. run swiftly    B. move with grace & style    C. crawl    **D. move clumsily**

4. ...everyone would scatter leaving Oscar lying in the dirt on his back, squinting into the sun and looking a bit dazed and **forlorn**.

- A. sick    **B. pitiful**    C. a little uncomfortable    D. angry

5. But even at junior high graduation when everyone sat in a chair and Oscar had to be given a **loveseat**, he still didn't get it.

- A. a sofa for lovers    B. a comfortable chair    **C. a sofa for two people**    D. a large bench

6. [Oscar] owned an elaborate **video and audio system** so he didn't go out much.

**A. video means TV and other images and audio means for music and sound**

- B. video means for playing video games and audio means for doing schoolwork  
C. video means taking pictures and audio means playing instruments

7. When the building superintendent came in, he **surveyed the scene**, put his hands on his hips, and stared at Oscar. A. listened hard    **B. looked around**    C. started yelling    D. making dinner

8. "What do you think I'm doing?" Oscar replied angrily. "What do people usually do in a tub – their taxes?"

The superintendent continued to look at him and shook his head slowly.

Oscar's **sarcasm** hadn't worked.

- A. a way of talking that makes the other person feel good.  
B. a way of talking that makes the other person feel lonely

**C. a way of talking that makes the other person feel like they're being made fun of**

- D. a way of talking that makes the other person feel like they're being praised