

DON'T BUG ME

Vocabulary Fun #1

Using Context Clues to Figure Out a Word's Meaning

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

1. "You're going to help me come up with a trick that people will pay to see. Like a **daredevil** stunt. Yeah, that's it. Something really cool."

- A. expensive B. reckless & bold C. careless D. spectacular

"How grounded is grounded?" Ozzie asked. Ozzie Malloy was Max's best friend and usual

(2)**co-conspirator** || A. follower B. leader C. sponsor D. partner in the plan

in (3)**hare-brained** mischief. || A. dimwitted B. criminal C. innocent D. intelligent

4. Max clasped his hands in **supplication**. "I'm begging you, Ozzie. This is for Mad Max.

- A. anger B. sadness C. prayer D. joy

5. "Not really," Ozzie answered. "But it'll work, Max, it really will. Ozzie said to Max, "I even did some research. I asked a bunch of people and at least half of them said they'd pay five dollars to see you do this." Max looked at him **skeptically**. His narrow freckled face could look so serious sometimes.

- A. honestly B. with doubt C. with trust D. happily

6. Anyone with a **valid** receipt can bring [a cockroach] for the bug-eating show.

- A. legitimate B. large C. phony D. old

7. "Well, I'm in," Scooter said. "I wouldn't miss this for anything. And I know where I can get some real choice **specimens**." A. customers B. samples C. foods D. bargains

8. "Just bring up those cockroaches then," [Ozzie] said wearily and had to jump back as a **gaggle** of boys rushed forward to push their boxes into his face.

- A. a quiet group of one or two B. a curious group C. a well-dressed group D. a noisy group

9. Ozzie opened the container ready to spill out one of his **facile** comments. What he saw stopped him.

- A. tortured B. smooth and easy C. hilarious D. incredibly intelligent

10. Kids were reaching out to Max like he was a star, peppering him with questions and comments **Uzi**-style. A. like a reporter B. like a small child C. like salt and pepper C. like a submachine gun

Now write a good sentence with each word and put in context clues to help a reader figure the word out. Do them in any order you want. The first example has been done for you.

We feel good that we found some rare specimens of that plant in the jungle.
