

DON'T BUG ME  
Vocabulary To Do #2  
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. But the crowd was beginning to act **surly** and Ozzie didn't want a riot on his hands. He had to back down. A. rude and grumpy B. happy C. quiet and nervous D. lazy
2. He accepted Max's newest choice **gingerly**, like he was being handed a two-hour old kitten. A. roughly B. sadly C. carefully D. quickly
3. [Tex's body parts] turned and churned in all directions, fueled by their own energy and by Max's terrified **gnashing**. A. crying B. screaming C. grinding D. joking
4. [Max] gagged several times as he tried to force the **severed** parts, many of them still moving, down his throat. A. delicious B. cut into pieces C. humongous D. secret  
*(Note: "dismembered" in the next sentence is a synonym for "severed.")*
5. The taste of terror **permeated** [Max's] being as he fought for his survival against all the dismembered parts of this ancient beast struggling within. A. went through every part of B. delighted C. escaped from D. destroyed
6. Directly in front of him Max saw the only two **stalwarts** who had watched the whole thing without moving. A. juking and jiving kids B. studious kids C. steady & stick-to-it kids D. cowardly kids
7. "You killed him," [Scooter] said **incredulously**. "You ate Tex." A. showing happiness B. showing curiosity C. showing tremendous respect D. showing disbelief
8. Now **acutely** aware of his need for water, Max looked around for Ozzie. A. very much B. barely C. with a small angle D. not
9. Ozzie's face peered out like a groundhog in February. "Max?" he said **tentatively**. "Max, is that really you?" A. confidently B. in an unsure way C. furiously D. in a cruel way

*Go over your answers. 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.*

Bob and Samuel were the only two **stalwarts** left standing at the end of the fight.

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