

THERE MUST BE SOME WAY OUT OF HERE

Vocabulary Study Sheet #2

Using Context Clues to Figure Out a Word's Meaning

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ANSWERS

Directions: Choose the answer that provides the **WORST** definition for the bold-faced word. (Three of the definitions are good definitions, but you should choose the one that is a **CRUMMY** definition.)

1. [Mark is waking up in New Orleans.]

The smell of **putrid** seafood filled his nostrils and he sat up...

- A. rotten B. foul C. sickening **D. not so bad**

2. [Mark] peeked around the corner and saw a midmorning crowd of workers cleaning the street and putting up **bunting** and banners...

- A. decorative flags B. streamers with the national colors
C. strips of cloth of red, white, & blue **D. a car that is made of chewing gum**

3. They rode in a horse-drawn buggy through the old section of town with its **palatial** mansions from before the Civil War...

- A. large, like a palace B. grand, like a palace C. like a palace **D. reminding you of the planet Saturn**

4. [Mark and Chan have shown up at Larry's house.]

"I don't know. We just wanted to talk to you a couple minutes, I guess," Mark said. He felt **self-conscious** and fumbled with his hands before putting them into his pockets.

- A. socially ill at ease B. very aware of yourself
C. excessively conscious of yourself **D. like a turnip**

5. [Mark and Chan are at the Super Bowl watching the **pre-game** show.]

- A. the show that precedes the game B. the introductory show
C. the show that comes before the game **D. the show with the elephants step dancing**

6. [The Superdome is falling apart. Everyone's going nuts] Everything was **bedlam**.

- A. crazy and noisy B. insanity C. totally out of control **D. all right**

7. Chan tried to make his voice heard over the **din**...

- A. noisy uproar B. loud, discordant noise C. deafening noise **D. dinner**

8. If something is total bedlam, would there probably be a din? A. Yes B. Yes C. Yes **D. Never**

9. Was Bedlam the name of an insane asylum in London? A. Yes B. Yes C. Yes **D. No**

10. Around them people were crawling over each other to reach the **elusive** exits.

- A. hard to find B. difficult to detect C. "I can't quite get it." **D. made of ice cream**

11. Mark opened his eyes slowly and saw Chan ten inches away... He looked around in a **semi-stupor** and saw that he was seated on the front steps of Larry's house.

- A. in kind of a stupor B. pretty much out of it C. numb, mentally dull **D. all right**

12. [Mark was **awestruck** when he met the President.]

- A. full of awe B. showing reverence and respect
C. overcome with awe **D. picking his nose**