

# 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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**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.) Confession: this is an experiment. Normally I wouldn't ask you to give the wrong answer, but I'm hoping that seeing the **RIGHT** answer in three different ways helps to embed the **RIGHT DEFINITION** in your brains.

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