

EXERCISE 2

Context Clues **Lesson 1** *8th grade*

Directions. Scan the definitions in Column A. Then, think about how the boldface words are used in the sentences in Column B. To complete the exercise, match each definition in Column A with the correct Vocabulary Word from Column B. Write the letter of your choice on the line provided. Finally, write the Vocabulary Word on the line before the definition.

COLUMN A

- _____ 11. word: _____
v. to refuse or resist openly; to dare; to withstand successfully
- _____ 12. word: _____
n. a bad or illegal act
- _____ 13. word: _____
adj. having spiritual meaning; mysterious; secret
- _____ 14. word: _____
n. wholeness; soundness; strength of character; honesty
- _____ 15. word: _____
n. a formal agreement between nations or people for a particular cause
- _____ 16. word: _____
n. a collection of stories, poems, etc.
- _____ 17. word: _____
v. to bring into submission; to soothe someone who is upset; to quiet or calm
- _____ 18. word: _____
v. to keep up; to provide with food; to support; to encourage; to endure
- _____ 19. word: _____
n. arrival; the coming of something, especially something long awaited
- _____ 20. word: _____
v. to support; to withstand; to provide for; to keep in existence; to uphold as reasonable; to suffer or undergo

COLUMN B

- (A) Many people see modern civilization's **misdeeds** against the planet everywhere. Examples are the pollution of the air and water.
- (B) Traditional stories remind us to **nourish**, to develop and strengthen, our ties to the earth.
- (C) According to American Indian philosophy, a good relationship with Earth is crucial to one's **integrity**, to one's sense of wholeness.
- (D) A good relationship with Earth is a theme that runs through many of the stories collected in American Indian **anthologies**.
- (E) People's relationship to Earth has **mystical** meaning to many American Indians. In fact, it is central to their religions.
- (F) The Taos people use stories to **sustain** their beliefs. They believe that Earth is the source of all life and that the first people came out of Blue Lake.
- (G) When the U.S. government placed Blue Lake inside Kit Carson National Forest, the Taoseños could not be **pacified** into accepting their loss. They protested strongly against being separated from their sacred land.
- (H) When they regained their lake in 1971, their victory marked the **advent** of a new respect for the traditions of American Indians.
- (I) With the American Indian Freedom of Religion Act in 1978, American Indians no longer needed to **defy** the government to practice their ancient beliefs. They could do so freely.
- (J) In addition, American Indians formed a sort of **alliance** with all against any threat to religious freedom. All stood together for a common cause.

EXERCISE 3

Like Meanings and Opposite Meanings 

Directions. For each item below, circle the letter of the choice that means the same, or about the same, as the boldface word.

21. a person of integrity

- (A) many interests
- (B) another country
- (C) honesty
- (D) intelligence

24. to sustain life

- (A) study about
- (B) support
- (C) create
- (D) seriously injure

22. to address the alliance

- (A) a small audience
- (B) a business-size envelope
- (C) persons having a formal agreement
- (D) business people

25. a violent misdeed

- (A) accident
- (B) argument
- (C) plan
- (D) wrong

23. an anthology of poems

- (A) book
- (B) assortment
- (C) encyclopedia
- (D) author

Directions. For each item below, circle the letter of the choice that means the opposite, or about the opposite, of the boldface word.

26. defy orders

- (A) follow
- (B) announce
- (C) give
- (D) resist

29. nourish our hopes

- (A) cherish
- (B) raise
- (C) starve
- (D) protect

27. a mystical experience

- (A) spiritual
- (B) mysterious
- (C) secret
- (D) ordinary

30. advent of the political movement

- (A) adventure
- (B) justice
- (C) customs
- (D) departure

28. pacify the baby

- (A) upset
- (B) calm
- (C) hold
- (D) feed