**Context Clues Test Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Directions:** read each sentence and determine the meaning of the word using context clues.

1. **Disposition:** Unlike his sister Cattie, who had a very calm and mellow **disposition**,John jumped on Sofas and ran through the house like an animal kingdom.

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2. **Amiable:** If you go to the party wearing your best smile, laugh good naturedly, and try your dance steps out, you will attract attention with your **amiable** disposition.

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3. **Scarce:** Due to the **scarcity** of food in her territory, the mother lioness had to roam far from safe ground to find a meal for her child.

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4. **Fastidious:** When John saw his report card, he was excited because he had all As and an A- in Biology; but when his **fastidious** mother saw his report card, she shook her head in disappointment.

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5. **Conceited:** When Jana noticed her daughter Kylie starring at herself and posing in every reflection that they passed, Jana worried that Kylie was growing a bit **conceited.**

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6. **Candor:**  Annie was honest and told David that she wasn’t interested in him; and even though David was heart broken, he appreciated her **candor**.

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7. **Ostentatious:** Amy wanted to wear the simple white dress to the dance but her friend Emilia kept pushing her to buy this big, puffy, **ostentatious** golden ballroom gown.

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8. **Endeavor:** John may have been excited about becoming an artist, but his mother was waiting to see if he’d see this **endeavor** through before buying him the expensive paint kit.

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9. **Provoke:** I didn’t want to fight him, but he **provoked** me by insulting my family and I lost control.

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10. **Engross:** The young child was so **engrossed** by the flashing lights on the toy train that when his mother asked him if he wanted a piece of chocolate cake, he didn’t even respond.

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11. **Deficient:** Zach wanted to play football with the other kids but, with his horrible **deficiencies** in coordination, he couldn’t catch or throw the ball.

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12. **Benevolence:** The children in the orphanage might have starved had it not been for the **benevolence** of the nuns, who sacrificed their own small salaries to provide food for the children.

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