

**Vocabulary Guide: Context Clues in Text Evidence**

Read each excerpt and answer the questions that follow. Use a dictionary if needed.

1. "We got us a Cadillac! We got us a Cadillac!" Wilma and I proclaimed in unison.

**Part A.** What is the meaning of in unison as used above?

- a. two or more voices sound as one
- b. working together as a team
- c. in excitement and joy

**Part B.** Which phrase from the story **best** supports your answer to Part A?

- a. "We got us a Cadillac!"
- b. Wilma and I
- c. proclaimed

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2. But it soon became evident that the dinner had not changed my mother's mind. She still refused to ride in the Cadillac. I just couldn't understand her objection to it.

**Part A.** What is the meaning of evident as used above?

- a. enemy; opposing forces
- b. obvious; clear
- c. proof

**Part B.** Which phrase from the story **best** supports your answer to Part A?

- a. I just couldn't understand
- b. the dinner had not changed
- c. She still refused to ride in the Cadillac

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3. Now we saw even more of the signs saying: White Only, Colored Not Allowed." We saw the signs above water fountains and in restaurant windows. We saw them in ine cream parlors and at hamburger stands. We saw them in front of hotels and motels, and on the restroom doors of filling stations. I didn't like the signs. I felt as if I were in a foreign land. I couldn't understand why the signs were there, and I asked my father what the signs meant.

**Part A.** What is the meaning of foreign as used above?

- a. strange and unfamiliar
- b. wholesome; good
- c. French or Spanish

**Part B.** Which phrase from the story **best** supports your answer to Part A?

- a. We saw the signs above water fountains
- b. I didn't like the signs
- c. I couldn't understand why the signs were there

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4. He said it all had to do with our skins being colored. He said it had to do with stupidity and ignorance. He said it had to do with the law, the law that said we could be treated like this here in the South. And for that matter, he added, any other place in these United States where folks thought the same as so many folks did here in the South.

**Part A.** What is the meaning of ignorance as used above?

- a. intelligence
- b. lack of knowledge
- c. bright; sunny

**Part B.** Which **word** from the story **best** supports your answer to Part A?

- a. stupidity
- b. treated
- c. colored

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5. Sometimes we joined our aunts and uncles and drove in a caravan out to the park or to the beach. At the park or the beach, Wilma and I would run and play. My mother and my aunts would spread a picnic, and my father and my uncles would shine their cars.

**Part A.** What is the meaning of caravan as used above?

- a. a group traveling together
- b. a mobile home
- c. a horse-drawn wagon

**Part B.** Which **word** from the story **best** supports your answer to Part A?

- a. shine their cars
- b. to the park or to the beach
- c. we joined our aunts and uncles and drove