

## Voluminous Vocabulary:

### Franny Fly and the Blues Rock Battle

Read each sentence or group of sentences below. Choose the BEST meaning for the underlined word.

**Example:** Deep fuchsia stains upon the venue's western stage latched onto tiny sequins bedazzling Franny's dress.

Based on the context clues above, fuchsia means:

- A. Bright
- B. Dull
- C. A shade of pink

If stage lights can be the color fuchsia, what other things can you think of that are fuchsia? Some people dye their hair fuchsia pink, or a very bright shade of pink.

1. Posters of moody rockers pairing ripped jeans with ratted hair seemed to hog the wall behind her bead.

Based on the context clues above, moody means:

- A. Grouchy
- B. Cooperative
- C. Sad

Can you give an example of a time when a person or animal might act moody? Some people have described cats as having a moody disposition, or moody personality.

2. Studs, spikes, and sounds of The Strapping Pumpkins were alluring...from a distance.

Based on the context clues above, strapping means:

- A. Handsome, good-looking (as in, The Strapping Pumpkins, a fictional rock group with handsome band members)
- B. Overweight, heavyset
- C. Large fruit

Can you give an example of a character from a Disney movie who was described as strapping? Gaston from Beauty and the Beast was considered handsome or a strapping young lad (handsome guy).

3. It was a delicate balance for the sassy fly whose rock and roll fantasies were often a few years older than her pre-teen self.

Based on the context clues above, delicate means:

- A. Scary or angry sounding
- B. Soft and sensitive
- C. Rough and bumpy

Can you give an example of an object that is delicate? A crystal glass is delicate.

4. Posters of moody rockers pairing ripped jeans with ratted hair seemed to hog the wall behind Franny's bed.

Based on the context clues above, hog means:

- A. Pig
- B. Take up space
- C. Stare

Can you give an example of a time when something might hog a part of your room? Sometimes kids will have a large bean bag chair in a corner of their room which might hog, or take up a lot of space.

5. The impulsive sounds of Finn Finch and his rebel-rousing rock and roll, drifted into Franny's ears on a drive from the desert paradise of small-town Palm Springs to bustling Anaheim, California.

Based on the context clues above, rebel means:

- A. Hip and cool
- B. Someone who follows the rules
- C. Someone who doesn't follow the rules

Can you give an example of some who you consider to be a rebel? Bullies at school are often rebels because they don't follow the school rules.

6. The expressive song lyrics helped settle Franny's nerves.

Based on the context clues above, expressive means:

- A. Dark, haunting
- B. Colorful, detailed
- C. Plain, ordinary

Can you give an example of something that is expressive? Famous paintings such as The Mona Lisa, can be expressive or convey emotion.

7. A light rehearsal later and the budding blues musicians ranging from flies to finches, were ready to take center stage.

Based on the context clues above, budding means:

- A. New, fresh
- B. Experienced
- C. Old-fashioned

Can you give an example of someone who is budding? Student teachers or brand-new teachers might be called budding teachers because they don't have lots of experience teaching.

8. The impulsive sounds of Finn Finch and his rebel-rousing rock and roll, drifted into Franny's ears on a drive from the desert paradise of small-town Palm Springs to bustling Anaheim, California.

Based on the context clues above, impulsive means:

- A. Extremely cautious
- B. Feeling afraid
- C. To do something without thinking

Can you give an example of a person who might make an impulsive decision? A student who cheats on a test might not plan ahead to cheat but instead, make a very wrong and impulsive decision at the last minute to cheat.

9. Franny had been diligently rehearsing her blues rendition for the upcoming battle, failing to remember she shared a room with her twin brothers.

Based on the context clues above, diligently means:

- A. To do something without thinking
- B. Perform perfectly
- C. Carefully

Can you think of a time when you might diligently do something? You might diligently work on a puzzle that has hundreds of very tiny pieces.

10. The impulsive sounds of Finn Finch and his rebel-rousing rock and roll, drifted into Franny's ears on a drive from the desert paradise of small-town Palm Springs to bustling Anaheim, California.

Based on the context clues above, excursion means:

- A. Slow
- B. Busy and crowded
- C. Beautiful

Can you think of a place that is bustling? Certain high schools are bustling because there are lots of students on campus.