

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? _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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