

Voluminous Vocabulary:

Frederick Fly Flips Out

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

Example: "Impossible," he said. No one's filthier than us flies. Not even your little Sturdy Ant friends." "STINKY ANTS!" Franny impatiently corrected her father.

Based on the context clues above, impatiently means:

- A. Relaxed
- B. Angry
- C. Feeling frustrated with

If impatient people sometimes feel a little frustrated, can you think of a time when you might be impatiently doing something?

1. Fillmore did a cannonball into a rickety trash can while Franny and her mother nibbled on some artisan bread and cranberry scones.

Based on the context clues above, rickety means:

- A. Beat-up, old
- B. Brand new
- C. Unique

2. Franny was eager to share the latest gossip on the ride home.

Based on the context clues above, eager means:

- A. Upset
- B. In a hurry
- C. Excited

3. Frederick dashed out the door early the next morning, his fitness tote handy.

Based on the context clues above, dashed means:

- A. To run fast, hurry
- B. Crawled
- C. Walk slowly

4. Fillmore did a cannonball into a rickety trash can while Franny and her mother nibbled on some artisan bread and cranberry scones.

Based on the context clues above, nibbled means:

- A. Eat fast
- B. Take small bites
- C. Hold tight

5. Inside was a copy of The Orphan Finch, a story about an impoverished bird who overcomes the challenges of homelessness and starts a shelter for other needy animals.

Based on the context clues above, impoverished means:

- A. Made rich
- B. Full of life
- C. Made poor

6. Franny was eager to share the latest gossip on the ride home.

Based on the context clues above, gossip means:

- A. To make fun of someone or something
- B. To say something about another person that may or may not be true
- C. Good news

7. Frederick dashed out the door early the next morning, his fitness tote handy.

Based on the context clues above, tote means:

- A. Wrist band
- B. Equipment
- C. Bag or purse

8. After several hours of tedious schoolwork, the plane was just skidding onto the runway.

Based on the context clues above, skidding means:

- A. Sliding
- B. Running
- C. Stopping

9. Frederick completed an impressive tumbling pass for his floor routine and with strong, steady hands, raised himself up on a pair of still rings earning a silver medal for his impressive performance.

Based on the context clues above, steady means:

- A. Quick
- B. Without moving
- C. Shaky

10. After several hours of tedious schoolwork, the plane was just skidding onto the runway.

Based on the context clues above, tedious means:

- A. Fun
- B. Boring
- C. Difficult