

Voluminous Vocabulary:

Frederick Fly and the Lake Trip Extravaganza

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

Example: Those tyrant-like screams animating Finn Finch and his gnarly blues/rock, seemed to set Franny in a world of her own.

Based on the context clues above, gnarly means:

- A. Terrible
- B. Lovely
- C. Hip and cool

If music can sound gnarly, can you think of any other things that can sound gnarly? Are there any people you can think of who are gnarly?

Surfers, who hang at the beach are often described as gnarly people.

1. This truly was going to be the best lake trip extravaganza their wings had ever had!

Based on the context clues above, extravaganza means:

- A. An important meeting
- B. Rainy day
- C. A special event or fancy party

Can you give an example of an extravaganza? End of year graduation party

2. Come morning, all the flies were buzzing frantically about the house, gathering clothes, toys, and food to load into the camper for the exciting three-day weekend!

Based on the context clues above, frantically means:

- A. Slowly
- B. In a hurry
- C. Boring

Can you give an example of a time when you might be frantically doing something? Trying to get back to class before the final bell rings.

3. Those tyrant-like screams animating Finn Finch and his gnarly blues/rock, seemed to set Franny in a world of her own.

Based on the context clues above, tyrant-like means:

A. Scary or angry sounding

B. Funny

C. Hard-working

Sometimes singers sound like a tyrant to express emotion and feeling in a song. Can you give another example of a time when someone might sound like a tyrant? A teacher who is angry with her students for not following the rules.

4. Fonzy buzzed around the house looking for his water balloons, Fillmore found his psychedelic swimming trunks, and Franny found her favorite floaty, a half-eaten donut covered in chocolate Frosting and doused with rainbow sprinkles.

Based on the context clues above, psychedelic means:

A. Fashionable

B. Colorful

C. Wonderful

Can you give an example of something that is psychedelic? A tie-dye t-shirt is psychedelic.

5. Those tyrant-like screams animating Finn Finch and his gnarly blues/rock, seemed to set Franny in a world of her own.

Based on the context clues above, animating means:

- A. Bright and sunny
- B. Bringing something to life
- C. Shutting down

Kids watch cartoons and animated movies because they are fun. Sometimes, a singer will have a fun, or animated voice that makes you want to listen to the music. Can you give an example of something that is animated? Another way of looking at animated is excited. Kids often sound animated on the day of a fun field trip their class is taking.

6. The lake was about an hour outside the quaint, country western town and everyone was filled with excitement.

Based on the context clues above, quaint means:

A. Crowded

B. Small

C. Busy

Can you give an example of something that is quaint? Wilson Elementary School in San Gabriel could be described as quaint because it has a smaller population of students compared to other elementary schools.

7. Franny admired Frida Fly's gorgeous, silky tan!

Based on the context clues above, silky means:

A. Bumpy

B. Rough

C. Smooth

Can you give an example of something that is silky? A dress made out of silk fabric can be described as feeling silky to the touch.

8. Franny, Fonzy, and Fillmore Fly smiled with contentment as they pulled out of the campsite and headed for home.

Based on the context clues above, contentment means:

- A. Happiness
- B. Feeling afraid
- C. Sadness

If you are a content person, you usually feel a certain way. Can you give an example of a time when you might feel content or be filled with contentment? Going to Knott's Berry Farm can make you feel content or happy. If you are a content person, you can say, "I am filled with contentment."

9. Uncle Fender took them flyboarding where Fiyero, the oldest of the fly cousins did a stunning backflip, landing with his wings intact.

Based on the context clues above, stunning means:

- A. Needs improvement
- B. Perfect
- C. Shaky

Can you give an example of something stunning? A person with a new or fancy hairstyle, could be described as stunning.

10. On the flies' last day of their lake trip extravaganza, they flew into Frances the Foodle, a toy fox terrier mixed with a poodle while out on a boating excursion with Uncle Fender.

Based on the context clues above, excursion means:

- A. Adventure
- B. A small gathering
- C. Short trip

Can you give an example of an excursion? If you had a letter to mail, you might take a little excursion, or short trip to the mail box on the street corner.