

Voluminous Vocabulary:

Fiona Fly and the Great American Bake-off

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

Example: "Having a passion, specifically a pastime or hobby, like cooking, helps you gain back that important sense of self."

Based on the context clues above, passion means:

- A. Something you dislike
- B. A strategy or plan for how to do something
- C. Something you love doing

If a person has a passion for cooking, what other things can you think of that someone can have a passion for? _____

1. Fiona was a sweet fly, with not an ounce of sass spewing from either antenna. She wasn't into loud music, wild hairstyles, or ripped jeans. She was kind, nurturing, and always considered the needs of others above herself.

Based on the context clues above, sass means:

- A. An important meeting
 - B. Courage
 - C. Back-talk (a person who is sassy might say things that other people would be afraid to say)
2. Whatever the reason, she put an "out of commission" sign on the door to the kitchen and got right down to business.

Based on the context clues above, out of commission means:

- A. Available
 - B. In a hurry (if a person is out of commission, they are in a hurry)
 - C. Not working (if a person is out of commission, they are unavailable)
3. "Never mind that," Fiona thought thumbing through Garbage Grandeur Magazine in search of the perfect recipe.

Based on the context clues above, grandeur means:

- A. A type of dumpster where trash is kept
- B. impressive, impressiveness (as in, a magazine about "fancy garbage")
- C. Hard-working

4. As an Olympic gymnast who competed in flies' fitness championships, he stored everything from still rings to stationary bikes in his basement!

Based on the context clues above, stationary means:

- A. Not moving
- B. Impressive
- C. Fast

5. Fiona set to work, freeing a sack of frozen crickets from the freezer, a can of extra-large water bugs from the pantry, and a smattering of ripe, juicy cherries from the refrigerator.

Based on the context clues above, smattering means:

- A. Large amount
- B. Package
- C. Handful

6. The flies hovered in the kitchen eager for take-off as Fiona finished a slice of toast and marmalade jam at breakfast later that morning.

Based on the context clues above, hovered means:

- A. Stayed in one place in the air
- B. Flew around
- C. Moved very slowly

7. The flies agreed that each dish was unique and special and with utmost confidence, KNEW she would impress a panel of Garbage Gurus, come Saturday.

Based on the context clues above, gurus means:

- A. Group of people who are inexperienced
- B. Group of people who are an expert at something
- C. Group of people who are radical or edgy

8. "Oh my!" she gasped, gazing at photos of some of the world's most prestigious dumpsters.

Based on the context clues above, prestigious means:

- A. Very special
- B. Disgusting
- C. Boring

9. Frederick reclined in his easy chair.

Based on the context clues above, reclined means:

- A. Laid back (to recline is to lay back)
- B. Sat up (to recline is to sit up)
- C. Relaxed (to recline is to relax)

10. The twins immersed themselves in a game of Fly Zap!

Based on the context clues above, immersed means:

- A. Enjoyed
- B. Busy or involved in
- C. Short trip

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11. The icing on the cake was when Fiona set a smile on the face of the usually persnickety F. Firefly.

Based on the context clues above, persnickety means:

- A. Very particular about how things are done
- B. An extremely messy person
- C. Someone who gets angry often.

12. From broiled beetles to gourmet pies and pastries, it seemed as if these culinary connoisseurs and their exotic taste buds were almost impossible to impress, notably F. Firefly from Dumpster Divers on television!

Based on the context clues above, connoisseur means:

- A. A person who is an expert on food, art, or music
- B. A person who is uneducated
- C. Someone who gets confused easily

13. "Hush, now! It's rude to point," she reminded them, failing to acknowledge the unassuming nerves that seemed to have gotten the best of her.

Based on the context clues above, unassuming means:

- A. Showy, flashy
- B. Someone or something that is not easily noticed (but it's there)
- C. Something that is obvious

14. From broiled beetles to gourmet pies and pastries, it seemed as if these culinary connoisseurs and their exotic taste buds were almost impossible to impress, notably F. Firefly from Dumpster Divers on television!

Based on the context clues above, exotic means:

- A. Common, ordinary
- B. Unique, unusual
- C. Lovely