

Voluminous Vocabulary:

Fillmore Fly and the No-Fun Flu

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

Example: If he scored poorly on a test in the fifth grade, he found ways of scolding himself.

Based on the context clues above, scolding means:

- A. Rewarding
- B. Loving
- C. Punishing

Can you think of a time when you might use the word scolding? You might catch your younger sibling playing with something dangerous in the kitchen. Your mom or dad might overhear you scolding your brother or sister for their harmful behavior. You aren't doing it to be mean; you are doing it because you love that person and don't want them to get hurt.

1. He was a cautious and careful fly — methodical was one way to describe him.

Based on the context clues above, methodical means:

- A. Worn-out, upset
- B. Happy
- C. Detailed, careful

2. Fillmore wasn't as predictable as one might think.

Based on the context clues above, predictable means:

- A. Easy to figure out
- B. Lonely
- C. Smart

3. "Fret Farkles survives subterranean brain fart," she read aloud.

Based on the context clues above, subterranean means:

- A. Underground
- B. Ridiculous
- C. Dangerous

4. Franny dangled a blonde, bandana-sporting sand flea from the center spread in Band Wagon's History of Hair Metal before her brother's eyes.

Based on the context clues above, center spread means:

A. Article

B. The pair of pages facing each other at the center of a magazine or newspaper

C. Photograph

5. "The adventures of Fluxom Flanders, bravest botfly!" he snickered in a Spanish accent.

Based on the context clues above, botfly means:

A. Superhero

B. Mammal

C. Any of several flies of the families Oestridae, Gasterophilidae, and Cuterebridae