



ACTIVITY SHEET

EPISODE 22: PHONICS

Practise and consolidate your learning about using context to guess the meaning of words by completing our activities.

ACTIVITY 1

Deduce the meaning of the **highlighted** word and choose the best definition.

Question 1: When testifying Jane promised to tell the truth in front of the jury. Unfortunately, she committed **perjury**, and her evidence could no longer be considered.

perjury means:

- a. to make a mistake
- b. to lie before a court of justice
- c. to withhold information

Question 2: The years of drug abuse made him a **belligerent** person. It is quite frightening to be in his presence.

belligerent means:

- a. hostile and aggressive
- b. quiet and unfriendly
- c. dependent on drugs

Question 3: New evidence was presented to the court, so John was **vindicated** of the crime.

vindicated means:

- a. to prove somebody is correct
- b. to prove somebody is guilty
- c. to prove somebody is not guilty

Question 4: The impact of television commercials nowadays is of concern because many **manipulate** children into buying toys.

manipulate means:

- a. skilfully make someone believe something
- b. easily tell somebody to do something
- c. to make someone decide to do something



Question 5: The English language school invested heavily in computers in order to **facilitate** and assist the learning process.

facilitate means:

- a. to recommend something
- b. to make a process easier
- c. to achieve a result

Question 6: The holiday package offers such **diverse** activities as scuba diving, golf, yoga, whale watching and a tour of the maritime museum.

diverse means:

- a. activities that are somewhat related
- b. a range of activities
- c. activities quite different from each other

Question 7: It is the **format** of the book on which we still need to decide, that is to say, we need to consider the book's design, shape, size and layout.

format means:

- a. the way something is presented
- b. the way something is written
- c. the way something is decided

Question 8: The topic of today's lesson is the movement of **celestial** bodies, for instance stars, meteors, moon and the sun.

celestial means:

- a. objects relating to Earth
- b. objects relating to outer space
- c. objects relating to a planet

Question 9: Compared with Beth, who has been practising as a dental surgeon for over 5 years, her sister, Janet, is only starting out as a **practitioner** in the legal field.

practitioner means:

- a. having a skilled job
- b. having a job in the medical profession
- c. having an interesting job

Question 10: Though the train service **terminates** at 0100, it starts again at 0600 from Central station.

terminates means:

- a. having a fixed schedule
- b. end of a schedule
- c. having a flexible schedule



ACTIVITY 2

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- noun
 - adjective
 - verb
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- adjective
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- Question 3:** The surgery has a new **core** of legal professionals.
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- Adjective
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