

Context Clues to use when Writing Sentences.

Kinds of Context Clues:

1. **APPOSITIVE**- a phrase following the word which gives the meaning, and is set off by commas.

Example: That cretin, a low life idiot, left Juliet on the dance floor alone.

2. **SYNONYM**- a word that tells what the word means.

Example: The tragedy of the house fire was a disastrous event.

3. **EXPLANATION**- a definition for the word is contained in the sentence.

Example: A miser is a person who is a real cheapskate and does not want to spend any money.

4. **COMPARISON**- a phrase, beginning with LIKE or AS, follows the word.

Example: A noisome odor is like the smell of dirty feet.

5. **DESCRIPTION**- The word is described.

Example: We went to the amphitheater and saw the outdoor theater where the band was playing.

6. **EXAMPLE**- Look for an example of the word within the context.

Example: The students saw geese on the lake from time to time and knew that they would be there periodically.

7. **CONTRAST**- differences between an unfamiliar word and a familiar word are given (OPPOSITES).

Example: Usually the parent is chiding the toddler, but today the parent is praising the child oing a terrific job.