

# Vocabulary Study

## CONTEXT CLUES

**A. Directions:** Cover up or fold under the right-hand column. As your teacher reads each sentence, listen for the boldfaced word. Discuss possible meanings for the word. Then verify your answers by checking the definition on the right.

Word	How It Is Used	Definition
affronted	Such disrespectful behavior left an <b>affronted</b> expression on Mrs. Jenkins's face.	insulted; offended
assent	In response to the offer, Mary nodded her head in <b>assent</b> .	acceptance of an opinion or a proposal; agreement
bigoted	A <b>bigoted</b> person may refuse to associate with someone of a different race, religion, or social class.	prejudiced and narrow-minded; intolerant
penitence	Mrs. Hodgson felt bad about what she had done, but her <b>penitence</b> gave way to anger when Mrs. Jenkins insulted her.	feeling regret for a wrongful act and wanting to atone for it
propensity	The cat had a <b>propensity</b> to eat food that was not his, which often got him into trouble.	likelihood to do or think something; tendency; inclination
upbraiding	Regretting her actions, Mrs. Jenkins gave herself a severe <b>upbraiding</b> for having behaved so meanly.	scolding

**B. Directions:** Write a sentence for each word on a separate sheet of paper. If possible, have your sentences tell a story.