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| **Using Context Clues Name:** |

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### CONTEXT CLUES can be used to determine the meaning of an unfamiliar word. You can find context clues:

* in the sentences and phrases around the unknown word
* with the use of a synonym
* with the use of an antonym
* in a comparison, definition, or example of the unknown word



**Use context clue strategies to define the bold words in the following sentences.**

**Highlight the clues that help you to determine each definition.**

1. In one of the cities there lived a just judge who could instantly **discern** the truth and from whom no one could ever conceal himself.

a. recognize b. ignore c. conceal d. frown

1. Near the entrance of the city a man approached the king and begged **alms** of him. The king gave him some money.

a. pardon b. pamphlets c. directions d. money for the poor

1. As the rider approached the bridge, the gatekeeper signaled for the man to halt the horse and get down, but he refused to **dismount**.

a. answer b. climb up c. dismay d. get down

1. Fifty strokes of the **lash** was not an uncommon punishment during colonial times.

a. clock b. whip c. noose d. comb

1. She stacked the dishes and washed them quickly and **deftly** before returning them to the cupboard.

a. slowly b. angrily c. skillfully d. foolishly

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**Choose two of the underlined words above. Use each words in an original sentence with the same meaning that it is has in the example sentence.**

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