AARON’S GIFT

Vocabulary Strategy

CONTEXT CLUES

Context clues are clues in a selection that help you interpret unfamiliar words. Examples are one kind of context clue. An example is introduced by a signal word like for example, such as, including, especially, and like.

A. Directions: Use the example clue to help you define each boldfaced word.

1. The street was lined with tenements, like the run-down house on the corner.
   Definition:

2. All the bouquets were beautiful, especially the one with roses and lilies.
   Definition:

3. The desserts were copious, including dozens of cakes, pies, and cookies.
   Definition:

4. The zoo had a large marsupial exhibit filled with possums, kangaroos, and koalas.
   Definition:

B. Directions: Write a sentence that includes an example for each of these words. Use a dictionary if necessary.

5. partition

6. impeccable

7. stipend

8. entrée

9. innovation