

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 _____
