



Context Clues

DIRECTIONS: Use the context clues or words that surround the bold word in each sentence to find the meaning. Circle the word that is similar to it in meaning.

1. My boss **infuriates** me, but I try not to lose my temper.

pleases

rewards

angers

2. The **population** is growing so fast, soon there won't be room for all the people.

inhabitants

strangers

land mass

3. That's crazy; you should set more **realistic** goals.

sensible

complex

simple

4. If I had more **resources** to help me, I could get more done.

people

catalogs

shelving

5. Many wild animals fail to **thrive** in captivity.

fight

do well

suffer

6. I **assure** you, you can count on me.

annoy

promise

pretend

7. She explained it for an hour, but I just couldn't **comprehend** it.

understand

believe

remember

