



# Context Clues

**DIRECTIONS:** Read each sentence. Use clues from the sentence to figure out what the bold word means. Circle the letter of the word that most closely matches the meaning of the bold word.

1. "Passed over" is a **euphemism** for someone having died.

- A. polite term      B. generalization      C. mistake

2. I was offended by his **facetious** response to the serious issue.

- A. carefully  
considered      B. dedicated      C. flippant

3. I wanted to change my mind, but it was too late. Inviting Joel to my party was a **fait accompli**.

- A. plan      B. done deal      C. mistake

4. My brother's **fastidious** nature makes him hard to live with.

- A. sloppy      B. meticulous      C. irritable

5. The new girl's **faux pas** made us all cringe.

- A. social mistake      B. idea      C. sensibleness

6. Despite our planning, the fair was a complete **fiasco**.

- A. success      B. failure      C. pause

