



Context Clues

DIRECTIONS: 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 bolded word.

1. Thomas has had a lot to **overcome** in his life.

A. forget

B. prevail over

C. overwhelm

2. The **peculiar** circumstances of his arrival had us all wondering about him.

A. colorful

B. obvious

C. strange

3. I am trying to understand Andy but everything he does **perplexes** me.

A. confuses

B. irritates

C. angers

4. Berries on the bushes are **sparse**, so there is not enough for a pic.

A. short

B. thinly scattered

C. plentiful

5. The chocolate cake **beckoned** me, so I had to eat it.

A. called

B. ignored

C. disgusted

6. It will be a **challenge**, but I think we can make it work.

A. difficulty

B. enemy

C. fighter

