

Understanding Context Clues (page 67)**Building Vocabulary SkillBuilder****Some Types of Context Clues**

Comparison/Contrast Clue	compares or contrasts word to similar word or idea
Definition and Restatement Clue	a restatement of the word's definition
Description Clue	uses descriptive details to clarify word's meaning
Example Clue	uses examples to demonstrate word's meaning

Use context clues to define each underlined word. Then identify the kind of context clue that led you to each definition.

1. The old man's gaunt face, with its sunken eyes and thin cheeks, came into view.

Definition: _____ **Type of context clue:** _____

2. I want everyone to draw the contour, or outline, of his or her hand.

Definition: _____ **Type of context clue:** _____

3. Graduation from high school is one of the milestones in a young person's life, along with birthdays and learning to drive.

Definition: _____ **Type of context clue:** _____

4. You can help me mow the lawn tomorrow, since it isn't urgent.

Definition: _____ **Type of context clue:** _____

5. Melissa's swollen hand began to throb and ache.

Definition: _____ **Type of context clue:** _____

6. The cover was so rigid that not even a rock dropped from ten feet high could bend it.

Definition: _____ **Type of context clue:** _____

7. I'd ask my mother to go to the book-reading by the author, but she really doesn't enjoy literary events.

Definition: _____ **Type of context clue:** _____

8. I don't care what kind of image you choose—painting, drawing, or photograph—just so it shows what Mr. Dahlquist looks like.

Definition: _____ **Type of context clue:** _____

9. You should have recycled those old bottles instead of discarding them.

Definition: _____ **Type of context clue:** _____

10. No matter how upset you are, it is important to act gracious and polite to the visitors.

Definition: _____ **Type of context clue:** _____