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Vocabulary Check

Reading Standard 1.3 Clarify word meanings through the use of definition, example, restatement, or contrast.

Vocabulary Development

aggressive , <i>adjective</i>	inclined to start fights or quarrels
disgracing , <i>verb</i>	bringing shame or dishonor upon
determination , <i>noun</i>	firmness of purpose
savory , <i>adjective</i>	delicious to taste or smell
wincing , <i>verb</i>	drew back with an expression of pain or embarrassment

A. Words in Context

Use the words above to complete the paragraph below. Use each word only once.

We all watched as Mr. Conner sliced the turkey, removed some of the (1) _____ stuffing and passed the plates to his guests. The food was delicious, but the conversation was not. In spite of our family's (2) _____ to follow American customs, Mother kept (3) _____ us with her (4) _____ comments. I knew she didn't mean them that way, but it didn't help. I think I (5) _____ every time she opened her mouth.

B. Definition, Example, Restatement, and Contrast

Circle the context clues that help you figure out the meaning of each boldface word.

- Mary enjoyed the **savory** mixture called *stuffing*. Long after the meal, she remembered how tasty it had been.
- Mary **wincing** and made a face when Mrs. Yang asked Mrs. Hanson her age.
- Mother looked so **aggressive** that Mrs. Hanson was sure she was quarrelsome.
- Soon, everyone realized that Mrs. Yang was not purposely **disgracing** the family. She hated bringing shame on anyone.
- Mary did not give up; her **determination** to fit in finally won out.