

Learning New Words and Phrases

Choose the meaning of the bold word or phrase.

- 1 Leslie **trudged** through the mud to feed the horses.
- 2 Juan **waved** his way through people in the crowd.
- 3 Please, don't **interrupt** me when I am on the phone.
- 4 Many **myths** about George Washington have been passed down over the years.
- 5 She took on the **Herculean task** of cleaning the yard.
- 6 I was so hungry, I **gobbled** up my lunch in five seconds!
- 7 All day, Gia has been **harping** over losing the game.
- 8 Students **parroted** back the poem they had learned.
- 9 Mr. Jung has the **Midas touch**. He sells many cars.
- 10 The ending of the story was an **enigma** until I read the last chapter.
- 11 Candy is my **Achilles' heel**. I can't stop eating it!
- 12 She **hesitated** before answering the question.

Tip

Context is the words, phrases, or sentences around a word. The context can give you hints to the meaning of words that you don't know.



A	B	C	D	E	F
walk with difficulty	complaining endlessly	ability to make money	stop by breaking in	moved between	pause briefly
something unknown	stories that are not facts	a weakness	extremely difficult job	repeated perfectly	to eat quickly
G	H	I	J	K	L

Objective: Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including those that allude to significant characters found in mythology (e.g., Herculean).

