



Be a Word Detective

Use the **context clues** in each sentence to figure out the meaning of the **highlighted** word. Circle the correct definition.

Mr. Ferris was **infuriated** when the boys hit a baseball through his living room window.

- a. delighted **b. very angry** c. interested

The tired farmer had **toiled** in his field all day planting crops.

- a. played b. run c. worked hard

The delicious **aroma** of the cookies baking in the oven made everyone hungry.

- a. smell b. color c. heat

Mr. Garcia **ascended** the ladder to reach the roof of his house.

- a. climbed up b. climbed down c. took away

The expert declared, "This is an **authentic** coin from ancient Rome, so it's extremely valuable."

- a. dirty b. common c. real

The king's throne was very **elaborate**; it was covered with gold and jewels.

- a. soft b. normal c. fancy

The police officer **admonished** the man not to drive down the flooded street.

- a. rewarded b. promised c. warned

Because we had such a **hectic** weekend, we barely had a moment to rest.

- a. slow b. busy c. annoying



Brain Box

When you come across a word you don't understand, you can often figure out its meaning by looking at the surrounding words. These words are called **context clues**.