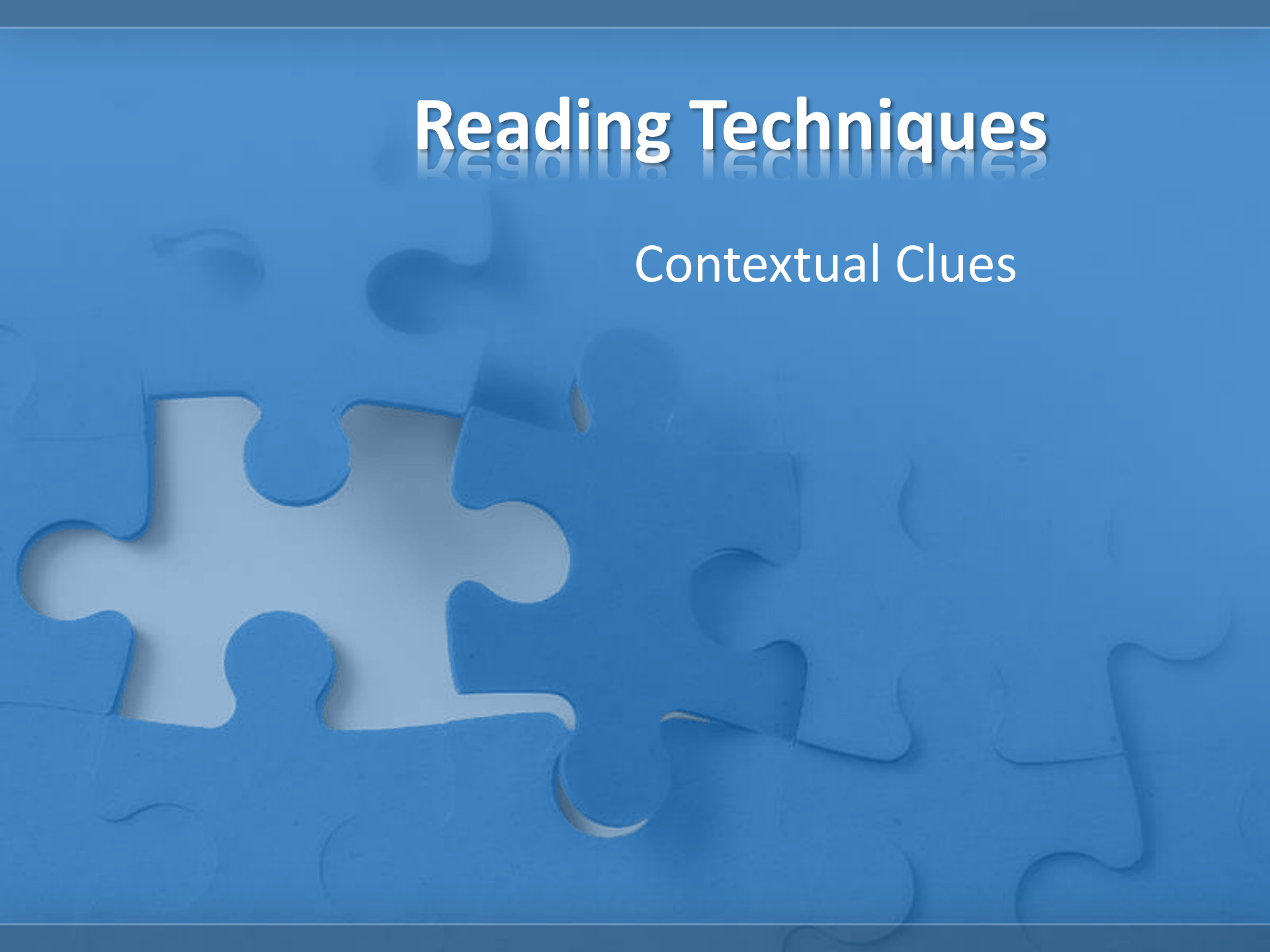


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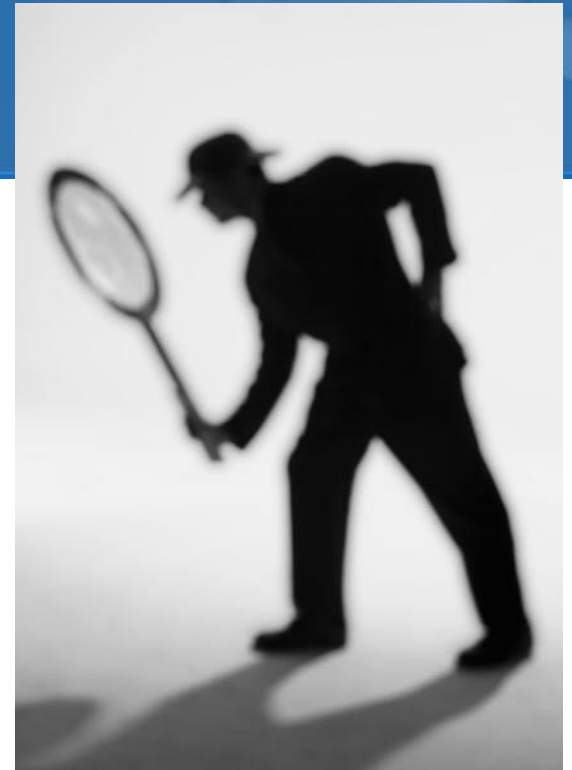
Clue 1

Are there any explanations in the sentence that help to define this word?

Phyllis felt elated when she won the race.

*The word **elated** means ____.*

- a. sick*
- b. miserable*
- c. tired*
- d. happy*



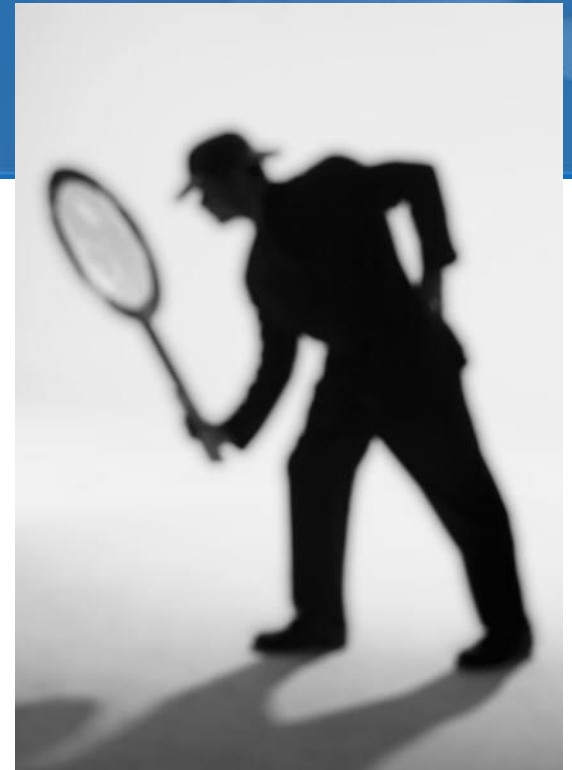
Clue 2

Are there any synonyms or antonyms given for this word in the sentence?

His rancor, or hatred, of his brother caused him to live his life as a lonely person.

*The word **rancor** means ____.*

- a. extreme dislike
- b. bitterness
- c. tolerance
- d. great love



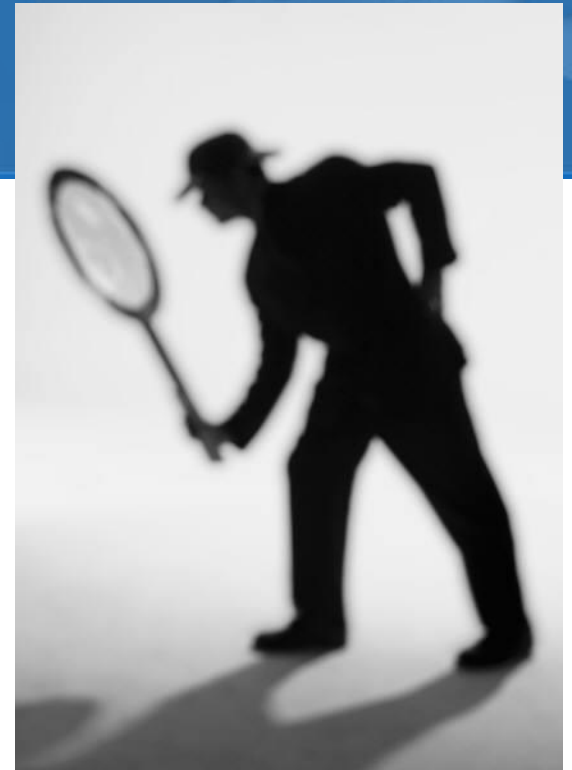
Clue 2 (cont.)

Are there any synonyms or antonyms given for this word in the sentence?

Two new girls started school this week. Beth has a gregarious personality. Jenna is rather quiet.

*The word **gregarious** means ____.*

- a. shy
- b. bashful
- c. timid
- d. outgoing



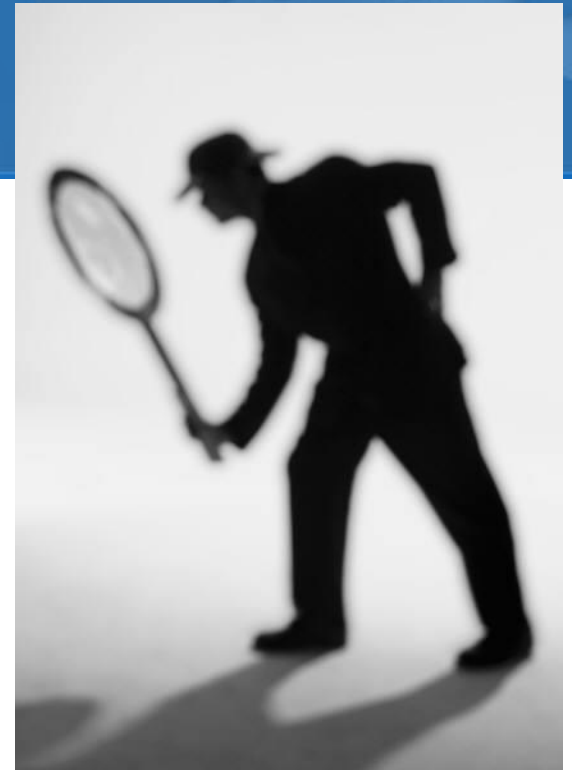
Clue 3

Are there any examples of this word in the sentence? In the sentences before or after this sentence? (Signal words: for example, including, such as)

Projectiles include items such as a cannon shell, bullet, or rocket.

*The word **projectiles** in this sentence means ____.*

- a. things put down*
- b. things shot forward*
- c. things hurt*
- d. things broken*



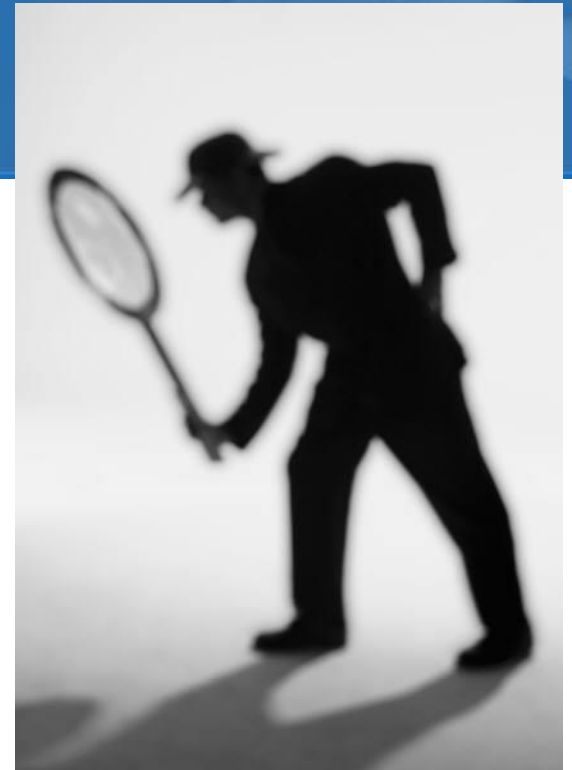
Clue 4

Is there a comparison or a contrast in the sentence that helps you figure out its meaning?

The girls languidly put on their jackets as if they had not energy at all.

*The word **languidly** in this sentence means ____.*

- a. energetically*
- b. quickly*
- c. unenergetically*
- d. actively*



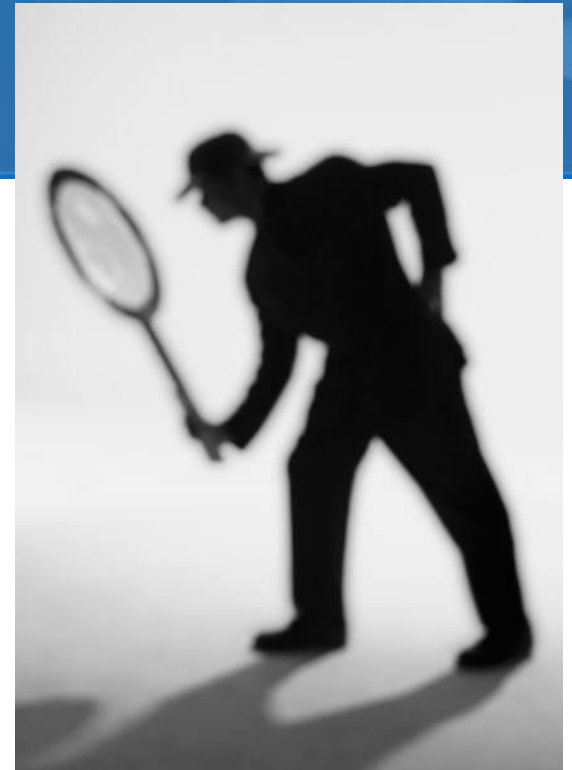
Clue 4 (cont.)

Is there a comparison or a contrast in the sentence that helps you figure out its meaning?

Some people feel perplexed by brain teasers, while others figure them out quickly.

*The word **perplexed** in this sentence means ____.*

- a. troubled or confused*
- b. at ease*
- c. calm*
- d. happy*



Clue 5

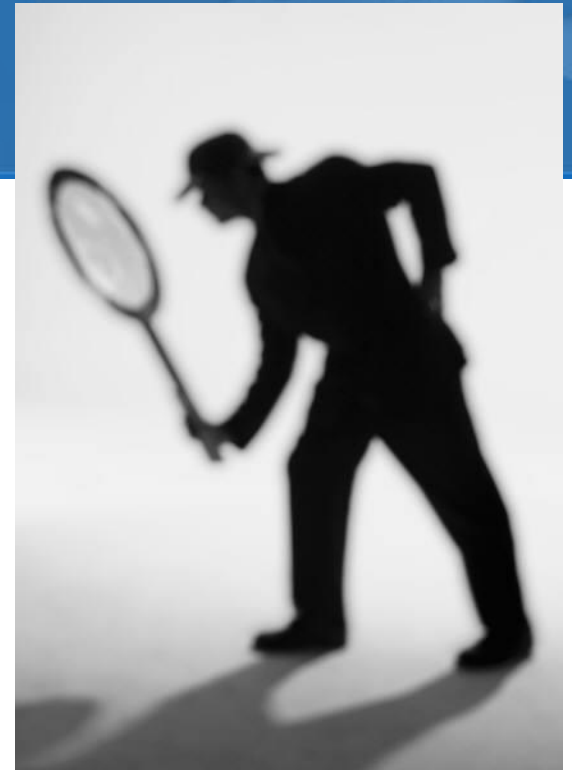
Do you see any keywords, such as modifiers, in the sentence that help to define the word?

There was crazy pandemonium as people were trying to leave the rock concert.

*The word **pandemonium** in this sentence means*

_____.

- a. *silence or quiet*
- b. *madness or chaos*
- c. *order*
- d. *peace*



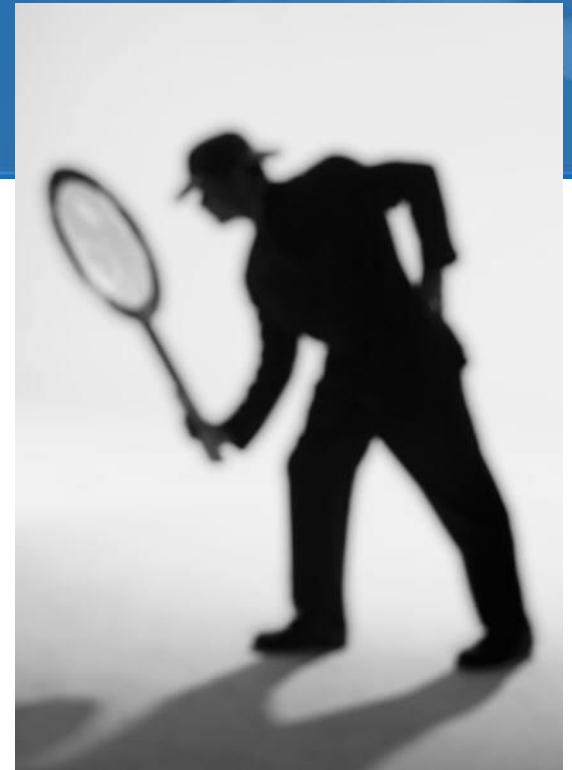
Clue 6

Do you see any other clues in the paragraph?

Zack was good at many sports. He excelled in swimming, running, horsemanship, fencing, and target shooting. He decided to participate in the pentathlon rather than having to choose one of the events.

*The word **pentathlon** in this sentence means _____.*

- a. competition with 2 events
- b. competition with 5 events
- c. competition with 8 events
- d. competition with 10 events



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