

RL 7.4:

17. How does the use of descriptive language affect the reader?
19. Based on the context of lines 21-22, what is the meaning of defame?
20. In line 30, what is the meaning of the word beset?
34. In paragraph 4, what is the meaning of the word romp?
36. In paragraph 8, what does the word absorbed tell the reader about Craig?

How do you determine the meaning of words and phrases?

Definitions

Context clues- the parts of a sentence or paragraph immediately surrounds a specific word that help you to figure out the words meaning

Examples

The Greatest

At age 18 Mildred Ella Didrikson was already on her way to becoming the greatest woman athlete in history. She loved to play basketball. She was nicknamed “Babe” after Babe Ruth, the famous baseball player. She grew up in Beaumont, Texas. In high school Babe was the star of the basketball team. She was also the All-City Champion high diver. She played baseball, football, pool, and tennis. She boxed and swam. In track and field, she won contest after contest. Then she moved to Dallas. There she became the All-American Girls Basketball Champion.

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Sentences containing word: At age 18 Mildred Ella Didrikson was already on her way to becoming the greatest woman athlete in history. She loved to play basketball.

Definition: a person who participates in sports

Clues: greatest, play basketball

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Definition: an object that is thrown

Clues: threw, 143 feet

Activity

Directions:

For each word complete the following:

1. Find the word in the text and copy the sentence the word is in, the sentences before and after the word, and the page number.
2. Using the context clues, give a definition of the word.
3. Identify the clues that helped you to determine the meaning of the word.

Page number:

Sentences containing word:

Definition:

Clues: