More Context Clues

In the following sentences, underline the definition of each italicized word. Then, in the space below, indicate what type of context clue helped you determine its meaning in the sentence.

1. *Urethritis*, inflammation of the urethra, is usually an ascending infection. It may be caused by a bacterial or viral infection or by trauma from an indwelling catheter or repeated cystoscopic examinations.

2. Nomads — *Bedouins*, or desert Arabs — dwelt with their herds in the neighborhood of Mecca.

3. Breathing is called *inspiration*, or inhalation.

4. An unusual type of capitalism is *laissez-faire*: a term borrowed from the French that means the noninterference of government in the business sector.

5. In familiar situations, people learn to follow *scripts* — the rules governing who will do what and when.

6. What was needed was a way to identify the *sphere of influence* of a city: the area whose inhabitants depend on the central city for jobs, recreation, newspapers, television, and a sense of common community.
7. When researchers first glance at a distribution, they probably look at the *range* — the difference between the lowest and highest values.

8. People with *malocclusion* (crooked teeth) are very self-conscious about their appearance.

9. A loan made to finance the purchase of residential real estate is typically secured by means of a *mortgage* against such property. The real estate mortgage, in one form or another, has probably been used as long as the right of private property has been recognized. The borrower in such a loan transaction is called the mortgagor; the lender, the mortgagee.

10. The medication was for *delirium tremens*, a condition induced by alcohol withdrawal and characterized by excessive trembling, sweating, anxiety, and hallucinations.

11. From ages 1 to 2, we can see the beginnings of social play, but still it is mostly *parallel* play: Two or more infants play at the same time in the same place, but almost independently.

12. *Homeostasis* in all organisms is continually disturbed by *stress*, which is any stimulus that creates an imbalance in the internal environment.