

### Lamb to the Slaughter



#### Context Clues

**DIRECTIONS:** Use context clues to figure out the meaning of the boldface word. Circle the letter next to the correct definition.

1. With an **intent** look, he observed her closely and thoughtfully.  
 A attentive C careless  
 B angry D sleepy

2. After he told her the awful news, her face had a look of **dazed** horror.  
 F careful H insulted  
 G new J shocked

3. The situation was **extraordinary**—nothing prepared Mary for Patrick's news.  
 A ordinary C difficult  
 B shocking D unclear
4. Was Patrick's death **tragic** for Mary, or was she happy about it?  
 F helpful H sad  
 G happy J exciting

**Reading Standard 1.3 (Grade 8 Review)**  
 Use word meanings within the appropriate context and show ability to verify those meanings by definition, restatement, example, comparison, or contrast.



#### Vocabulary in Context

**DIRECTIONS:** Complete the passage by writing words from the box in the spaces provided. Not all words will be used.

**Word Box**

anxiety  
placid  
luxuriate  
administered  
premises  
consoling  
hospitality

My grandmother, who died last month, usually had a \_\_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_\_, calm look. She wouldn't let \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ about family problems trouble her. She often gave parties and was famous for her (3) \_\_\_\_\_. She invited family and friends to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in the warmth of her home. We would walk around the (5) \_\_\_\_\_, from the front porch to the shed way in back. When I felt sad, I would go to the garden, because Grandma's flowers were always (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to me.

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