1 “…Rolihlahla literally means “pulling the branch of a tree,” but its ***colloquial*** meaning more accurately would be “troublemaker.” (Mandela, Pg.20)

After reading the sentence, make an inference about what you think the word means.

“known for”, popular

What is the actual definition?

(of language) used in ordinary or familiar conversation; not formal or literary.

Was your inference accurate?

close

Find and antonym for the word:

formal

2. “…It is a beautiful country of rolling hills, ***fertile*** valleys, and a thousand rivers and streams, which keep the landscape green even in winter” (Mandela, Pg.20)

After reading the sentence, make an inference about what you think the word means.

A plant that is ready to be harvested

What is the actual definition?

(of soil or land) producing or capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops.

Was your inference accurate?

Yes

Find and antonym for the word:

Barren

3 “…Although the role of chief was a ***venerable*** and esteemed one, it had, even seventy-five years ago, become debased by the control of an unsympathetic white government.” (Mandela, Pg.20)

After reading the sentence, make an inference about what you think the word means.

respected

What is the actual definition?

accorded a great deal of respect, especially because of age, wisdom, or character.

Was your inference accurate?

yes

Find and antonym for the word:

unimpressive

4 “When the magistrate received my father’s response, he promptly charged him with ***insubordination***.”

After reading the sentence, make an inference about what you think the word means.

confrontation

What is the actual definition?

defiance of authority; refusal to obey orders.

Was your inference accurate?

no

Find and antonym for the word:

obedient

5. “One day one of my father’s subjects lodged a complaint against him involving an ox that had ***strayed*** from its owner.” (Mandela, Pg.20)

After reading the sentence, make an inference about what you think the word means.

Leave

What is the actual definition?

move away aimlessly from a group or from the right course or place.

Was your inference accurate?

yes

Find and antonym for the word:

stay

6. “Troops of ***sanitary*** workers in white uniforms hosed down the city streets.” (Jacobs, Pg.14)

After reading the sentence, make an inference about what you think the word means.

Hospital, medication

What is the actual definition?

relating to the conditions that affect hygiene and health, especially the supply of sewage facilities and clean drinking water.

Was your inference accurate?

close

Find and antonym for the word:

unhealthful

7. “New York was a city under ***siege.***” (Jacobs, Pg.14)

After reading the sentence, make an inference about what you think the word means.

Problem, attack

What is the actual definition?

a military operation in which enemy forces surround a town or building, cutting off essential supplies, with the aim of compelling the surrender of those inside.

Was your inference accurate?

no

Find and antonym for the word:

Assist,help

8. “Street cleaners worked overtime to collect garbage and cleanse ***tenement*** halls and stairwells.” (Jacobs, Pg.15)

After reading the sentence, make an inference about what you think the word means.

Big buildings/rooms.

What is the actual definition?

a room or a set of rooms forming a separate residence within a house or block of apartments.

Was your inference accurate?

close

Find and antonym for the word:

9. “When the fever broke, he appeared to be recovering—a ***deceitful*** interlude as poliovirus left the bloodstream and invaded the nervous system.” (Jacobs, Pg.15)

After reading the sentence, make an inference about what you think the word means.

heartbreaking

What is the actual definition?

guilty of or involving deceit; deceiving or misleading others.

Was your inference accurate?

close

Find and antonym for the word:

honest

10. “Poliomyelitis seemed to have a ***predilection*** for striking infants and toddlers.” (Jacobs, Pg.15)

After reading the sentence, make an inference about what you think the word means.

preference

What is the actual definition?

a preference or special liking for something; a bias in favor of something.

Was your inference accurate?

yes

Find and antonym for the word:

Dislike.