Context Clues to use when Writing Sentences.

Kinds of Context Clues:

1. **APPOSITIVE**- a phrase following the word which gives the meaning, and is set off by commas.

   Example: That *cretin, a low life idiot,* left Juliet on the dance floor alone.

2. **SYNONYM**- a word that tells what the word means.

   Example: The *tragedy* of the house fire was a *disastrous event.*

3. **EXPLANATION**- a definition for the word is contained in the sentence.

   Example: A *miser* is a person who is a real *cheapskate* and does not want to spend any money.

4. **COMPARISON**- a phrase, beginning with LIKE or AS, follows the word.

   Example: A *noisome* odor is *like* the smell of dirty feet.

5. **DESCRIPTION**- The word is described.

   Example: We went to the *amphitheater* and saw the *outdoor theater* where the band was playing.

6. **EXAMPLE**- Look for an example of the word within the context.

   Example: The students saw geese on the lake from *time to time* and knew that they would be there *periodically.*

7. **CONTRAST**- differences between an unfamiliar word and a familiar word are given (OPPOSITES).

   Example: Usually the parent is *chiding* the toddler, but today the parent is *praising* the child oing a terrific job.