

Name _____

You can learn the meaning of an unfamiliar word by using the words around it as clues. Look at the words that appear near the word that you don't know, and try to find a **synonym** of that word to help you figure out its meaning. Remember that a synonym is a word with a similar meaning.

Circle the synonym of the underlined word in each sentence.

1. The size of the hot-air balloon decreased and diminished as air was let out of it.
2. The awful sound was unbearable and it woke me up.
3. The roses flourished and thrived more than any other plant in Mrs. Lyon's garden.
4. It can be hazardous to play near a downed power line because electric currents are dangerous.
5. Chris was modest about winning his national award because he is humble.
6. The extravagant party had circus performers, an orchestra, and chefs. Bob thought it was too expensive for only a few guests.
7. The letter was anonymous so the sender is unknown.
8. The basketball team returned victorious because they had won the state championship.
9. The teachers said soda is prohibited because bottles are forbidden in the gym.
10. The paper towel will soak up the spilled milk because it will absorb all the moisture.

