Using Context within Sentences to Understand Words

Instructions: Read each sentence. Figure out the meaning of the word from clues in the sentence. Write the definition and what clues led you to figure it out.

1. **Title**: The *title* of an essay should always be capitalized and go at the beginning of the essay.
   - Definition: ____________________________
   - Context Clues: ___________________________________________

2. **Seal**: Amelia licked the envelope and pressed it closed to *seal* it before sticking it in the mailbox.
   - Definition: ____________________________
   - Context Clues: ___________________________________________

3. **Plummeted**: The chewing gum *plummeted* to the ground when he spat it out from the 5th floor window.
   - Definition: ____________________________
   - Context Clues: ___________________________________________

4. **Oblivious**: Jimmy was *oblivious* to his baby sister’s crying because he had his headphones in and couldn’t hear her.
   - Definition: ____________________________
   - Context Clues: ___________________________________________

5. **Curtail**: The principal need to *curtail* his speech to the school because it was almost 3:15 and the students needed to go home.
   - Definition: ____________________________
   - Context Clues: ___________________________________________

© This worksheet is from www.teach-nology.com
Instructions: Read each sentence. Figure out the meaning of the word from clues in the sentence. Write the definition and what clues led you to figure it out.

1. **Title**: The **title** of an essay should always be capitalized and go at the beginning of the essay.
   Definition: heading
   Context Clues: beginning of essay, capitalized

2. **Seal**: Amelia licked the envelope and pressed it closed to **seal** it before sticking it in the mailbox.
   Definition: close
   Context Clues: licked, pressed closed

3. **Plummeted**: The chewing gum **plummeted** to the ground when he spat it out from the 5th floor window.
   Definition: fell
   Context Clues: to the ground

4. **Oblivious**: Jimmy was **oblivious** to his baby sister’s crying because he had his headphones in and couldn’t hear her.
   Definition: unaware
   Context Clues: couldn’t hear the crying

5. **Curtail**: The principal need to **curtail** his speech to the school because it was almost 3:15 and the students needed to go home.
   Definition: cut short
   Context Clues: almost 3:15, students had to leave