

Extension: Improving Vocabulary

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Date _____

Your Turn

Read each passage below, paying special attention to the italicized word. Then define the italicized word using the context clues in the sentence. Afterward, record the dictionary definition and use a thesaurus to find at least two synonyms for the word.

1. A brisk wind caused the prairie grasses to *undulate* with a fluid motion, like waves in the ocean.

Define using context clues: _____

Dictionary definition: _____

Synonyms: _____

2. I lost my *equilibrium* and tumbled off the skateboard.

Define using context clues: _____

Dictionary definition: _____

Synonyms: _____

3. The Web site tends to exaggerate stories, and that sort of *hyperbole* makes me believe the site is untrustworthy.

Define using context clues: _____

Dictionary definition: _____

Synonyms: _____

Follow-up: In the activity above, how closely did your definitions of the words from context clues match the dictionary definitions?