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English I Pre-List 1 Context Clues

Match the underlined word with the definition in the box to the right. Put the letter that matches what you think the word means in the space beside the sentence number.

- _____ 1. That was really nice of John to take my girlfriend home after my car broke down, but I think he may have an ulterior motive behind the good deed.
- _____ 2. The bully was completely taken by surprise when the group of second graders gave a bellicose yell and then started beating him up.
- _____ 3. Santa Claus is always jovial. Of course, I would be too if I only worked one day a year and ate all the cookies I wanted.
- _____ 4. Frank was hesitant to jump his skateboard over a moving bulldozer, but decided to do it after his friends cajoled him.
- _____ 5. I'm sorry that you feel your math teacher is an unfair, evil, hateful witch. I will not allow you to malign my fellow teachers in this classroom!
- _____ 6. It's no use trying to talk sense into a Cameron Crazy. Those partisan fans think Duke is the best no matter how many games they lose or how much they cheat.
- _____ 7. One of his idiosyncrasies was to always wear an orange bow tie to school.

- a. warlike
- b. to convince someone to do something
- c. peculiar to an individual or group
- d. merry
- e. to speak evil of
- f. an ardent and enthusiastic supporter of some person or activity
- g. intentionally hidden and often questionable

