

## More Context Clues

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Dignified means \_\_\_\_\_

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Incapacitated means \_\_\_\_\_

The worker was completely incompetent. He did a very poor job and couldn't be counted on by the customers or the employees.  
Incompetent means \_\_\_\_\_

Today was very productive. We got many things done in a short amount of time.  
Productive means \_\_\_\_\_

John Elway's career as a quarterback was very lucrative. He made a great deal of money doing something he enjoyed.  
Lucrative means \_\_\_\_\_

The atmosphere in the room was very dismal. Everyone looked sad and gloomy.  
Dismal means \_\_\_\_\_

When using context clues to understand unknown words, I feel:  
\_\_\_\_\_ confident      \_\_\_\_\_ unsure      \_\_\_\_\_ I need help.

## More Context Clues Answer Key

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At the scene of the traffic accident, the man was completely incapacitated! He couldn't move his arms or legs at all! Incapacitated means paralyzed. (clue: unable to move)

The worker was completely incompetent. He did a very poor job and couldn't be counted on by the customers or the employees. Incompetent means not helpful, disorganized(clue: poor job, not counted on)

Today was very productive. We got many things done in a short amount of time. Productive means busy and good. (clues: many things done; short time)

John Elway's career as a quarterback was very lucrative. He made a great deal of money doing something he enjoyed. Lucrative means successful. (clue: great deal of money; enjoyment)

The atmosphere in the room was very dismal. Everyone looked sad and gloomy. Dismal means dreary. (clues: sad and gloomy)