

Using Context Clues

Read the excerpts. Then predict a meaning for the highlighted words. Be able to describe how you knew/guessed at the word's meaning. (In other words, what type of context clue helped you?)

Maj. Ed Bush **recalled** how he stood in the bed of a pickup truck in the days after Hurricane Katrina, struggling to help the crowd outside the Louisiana Superdome separate fact from fiction.

Recalled: _____

A frenzied media recycled and **amplified** many of the unverified reports.

Amplified: _____

Monday's newspaper described **inflated** body counts and **unverified** attacks as among examples of myths about the dome and Convention Center treated as fact by evacuees, the media, and some of New Orleans' top officials."

Inflated: _____

Unverified: _____

Talk show host Alan Colmes **reiterated** reports of "robberies, rapes, carjackings, riots and murder. Violent gangs are roaming the streets at night, hidden by the cover of darkness."

Reiterated: _____

Televised images and photographs **affirmed** the widespread devastation in one of America's most celebrated cities.

Affirmed: _____

If "you **imprecisely** state the nature of the disaster . . . then you draw attention away from the real story, the magnitude of the destruction, and you kind of **undermine** the media's credibility."

Imprecisely: _____

Undermine: _____

Vocabulary List #8

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(not)			

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<u>recall</u>	to remember (to call to your mind again)	memory reflect	
<u>amplify</u>	to turn up, make louder	volume project exaggerate	
<u>unverified</u>	without making sure not shown to be true	not proven unidentified verdad	
<u>reiterate</u>	to say, explain again	announce review tell describe	
<u>affirm</u>	to acknowledge to be true	confirm verify yes make sure	
<u>undermine</u>	to make something more difficult or impossible	on purpose intentionally subversive	
<u>inflated</u>	to blow up or make bigger	exaggerate	
<u>imprecise</u>	not precise, not exact	guess estimation not specific	