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# Verifying Inferred Meaning

**DIRECTIONS:** Infer the meaning of each bold word. Use a dictionary to check your answers.



1. Thankfully, I have found Ellie to be an **assiduous** employee.

Inferred Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_ Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

2. I did poorly on the test. I have no **aptitude** for math.

Inferred Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_ Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

3. He does everything in such a **circumspect** manner.

Inferred Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_ Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

4. No one could believe the **metamorphosis** she had undergone.

Inferred Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_ Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Her total **renunciation** of the cupcakes hurt her mother's feelings.

Inferred Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_ Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

6. I haven't found anything **substantive** in those accusations.

Inferred Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_ Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

7. My boss was accused of **nepotism** when he hired his brother.

Inferred Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_ Definition: \_\_\_\_\_