

Name _____

Verifying Inferred Meanings

DIRECTIONS: Infer the meaning of each bold word. Then look each word up in the dictionary and verify that your answers are correct.

1. It was an **acrimonious** argument.

A. bitter

B. cruel

C. harsh

Were you correct? _____

4. Joe's **taciturn** manner makes him hard to get to know.

A. rude

B. not talkative

C. sullen

Were you correct? _____

2. I found her manuscript to be **abstruse** and a little boring.

A. clear

B. easy to see

C. hard to understand

Were you correct? _____

5. We marveled at the **ephemeral** nature of that species of flower.

A. lasting a short time

B. gauzy

C. mysterious

Were you correct? _____

3. Though science continues to search, answers to life's deepest questions remain **elusive**.

A. unteachable

B. hard to pin down

C. varied

Were you correct? _____

6. I have been asked to provide a **quantitative** answer, which is hard for me because I prefer abstraction.

A. having to do with values

B. having to do with colors

C. having to do with quantity

Were you correct? _____

