



What's That Mean?

DIRECTIONS: Read each sentence. Determine the meaning of the word using clues from the sentence or knowledge you already have. Then explain what it was that helped you find the meaning of the word.

1. When Janet's parents said she couldn't go to the party, she got all **melodramatic**, began to cry and accusing her parents of wanting her to be a social failure.

What does it mean? _____
CLUES:

2. Several days after Rory had already been blamed and punished for what Tom had done, Tom began to feel his first, sharp pangs of **remorse**.

What does it mean? _____
CLUES:

3. Allen so often made jokes about things, and failed to take things seriously, that at first it was hard for the others to believe that this time he was being **earnest**.

What does it mean? _____
CLUES:

4. Karen's **demeanor** was such that only people who knew her really, really well could tell when something was bothering her.

What does it mean? _____
CLUES:

5. The team rallied around their star player, even though now that his leg was broken, the team's chances of winning the championship were **dismal**.

What does it mean? _____
CLUES: