

## Using Context Clues (*continued*)

*Prohibited*, the next underlined word, is actually followed by a definition: forbidden by law.

The fourth underlined word, *mannerisms*, is followed by a couple of examples: "like tossing her head and taking short, dainty steps." These are examples of ways of moving—gestures—that are sometimes considered typically feminine. Maybe *mannerisms* means "typical gestures or habits."

Highlight the words and draw lines to the examples

### Application

Read the following passage. Then use what you have learned about context clues to answer the questions.

Of the Word.

Samuel Adams was born in Boston in 1722. His father, also named Samuel, was a wealthy businessman and an important figure at the Old South Meetinghouse and thus was referred to as Deacon Adams. At fourteen, young Samuel Adams entered Harvard, as expected of the son of a Boston dignitary. There are no records of his academic career, but it is probable that at Harvard Adams became familiar with John Locke's powerful written argument *Of Civil Government*. In this treatise, Locke set out his doctrine that every citizen had natural rights of life, liberty, and property. This position also meant that a ruler could not take property from his or her subjects in the form of taxation without their consent.

Adams graduated from Harvard in 1740 and went on to receive his master's degree in 1743. In 1748, Deacon Adams died, and Samuel inherited his father's business, which supplied malt to brewers. Under Samuel's control the business soon began to weaken, then to fail. What really came to interest Samuel Adams was politics. By 1763, he had joined the Caucus Club. This was a secret organization that met in advance of all town meetings to decide upon the slate of candidates for office and what the stands would be on various issues.

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1. Based on your reading of context clues, how would you define the word *dignitary*?

What examples can you find in the reading to support your definition?

