

**Base** \bās\ *n* 1. A thing or part on which something rests: bottom, foundation. 2. A main ingredient. 3. A fundamental part. 4. Any of four stations a runner in baseball must touch in order to score.

**Base** \bās\ *vb* 5. To make, form, or serve as base for.

**Base** \bās\ 6. Being of low value and having less desirable properties when compared with something else (like a base metal). 7. Not honorable or moral. Mean.

## Context Clues Part 2

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Another way that a reader uses context clues is to determine *which* meaning of a word the author is using in a sentence. Use the following dictionary entry to help you determine which meaning is meant in each sentence. Please put the number of the definition in the blank after each sentence.

1. The teenage had a base character. He was unkind to everyone and always lied about it. \_\_\_\_\_
2. I often base my opinion on a book on what others say about it as well as what I think myself. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The base of the vase was covered with dust. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The baseball player zoomed around the bases when he made a home run. \_\_\_\_\_
5. This is an oil-based paint. You need to use turpentine to clean your hands after you paint. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Iron is a base metal because it rusts quickly. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Vocabulary is the base of reading. You can't understand much if you don't know the words. \_\_\_\_\_

