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More on clarifying

When you clarify, you notice words that don't make sense—that's step one.

Step two is trying to figure out the challenge words.

Looking for a **base word** you know is one way to clarify.

?? *What if you don't see a base word you know?* ??

Sometimes you will see a meaning for the challenge word right in the text. Another way to clarify is to look for a **meaning in the sentence**. In the next sentence, the meaning for “**outcast**” is right there.

When the popular kids stopped sitting with Shawna, she was seen as an **outcast** or loser.

1. Read the sentences below.
2. Ask yourself, “Does the sentence give the meaning for the challenge word?”
3. Put a check ✓ in the box if you can find the meaning in the sentence.

- At West Middle, there was a clear **demarcation** or line between the cool football players and other kids.
- Jaden felt **aggrieved** when nobody wanted to eat lunch with him.
- Ridicule** and making fun of people can really hurt.