## **Building Your Vocabulary**



## Predict the meaning of the following words:

| Word      | Guess without context | Revised guess after context |
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| Gloaming  |                       |                             |
| Glossitis |                       |                             |
| Gloriole  |                       |                             |
| Gloxinia  |                       |                             |

## **Context:**

- 1. Even though it's not completely dark, you should turn the headlights of your car on during the *gloaming*.
- 2. With a swollen tongue like that, he must have glossitis.
- 3. The angel had a *gloriole* above her head.
- 4. Kendra planted three *gloxinias* in a big pot in her apartment.

## **Definitions:**

- 1. Gloaming (n) the period of fading light after sunset, but before dark.
- 2. Glossitis (n) inflammation of the tongue.
- 3. Gloriole (n) a halo around somebody's head.
- 4. Gloxinia (n) a popular plant with large, colorful, bell-shaped flowers.