Most Dangerous Game: SAGE

Read each sample. For each of the **highlighted, underlined** vocabulary words below:

1. Select the definition that best matches the CONTEXT of the passage.
2. Highlight or circle the word or phrase in the passage and the definition that provided the CLUE.
3. Identify the CLUE: Synonym, Antonym, Gist or Explanation (experience or example)
4. “The general puffed at his cigarette. ‘After the **debacle** in Russia, I left the country, for it was imprudent for an officer of the Czar to stay there. Many noble Russians lost everything.’ ” (Connell, 14)
5. a sudden downfall or rout, as in a government or military.
6. a complete failure.
7. a breaking up of ice in a river.
8. a violent rush of waters or ice.

The best definition is \_\_\_\_\_. The context clues I highlighted are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ clues.

1. “Rainsford remembered that the shots had come from the right; **doggedly** he swam in that direction, swimming with slow, deliberate strokes, conserving his strength. For a seemingly endless time, he fought the sea.” (Connell, 11)
	1. to follow or track like a dog, esp. with hostile intent
	2. having the characteristics of a dog, ie. -using the dog paddle
	3. persistent in effort; stubbornly tenacious

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1. “Ten minutes of determined effort brought another sound to his ears… the muttering and growling of the sea breaking on a rocky shore. He was almost on the rocks before he saw them. Jagged crags appeared to jut up into the

**opaqueness** before him…” (Connell, 11)

* 1. Hard to understand; not clear or immediately comprehensible; obscure
	2. Impenetrable to light, not allowing light to pass through; dark
	3. Dull, stupid or unintelligent
	4. Not transmitting sound or heat

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For the remaining vocabulary words, find the passage where the word appears in the text.

Use your SAGE skills to determine which dictionary definition best fits the word.

Write the part of speech (n., v., adj., or adv.) and definition in the space below.

1. Ardent (p13)

1. Capital (p13)
2. Unruffled (p15)

1. Scruples (p15)
2. Barbarous (p15)
3. Ranker (p20)
4. Protruding (p19)