**Why is it important to develop a mature vocabulary?**

**Read the sentence in the box and predict the meaning of the underlined word:**

It was so gliff outside, I had to wear two sweaters and a jacket!

“Gliff” most likely means:

a. warm

b. cold

c. bright

d. dark

How were you able to decipher the correct answer even though you had never seen the word before?

Write a sentence with a nonsense word in it, providing enough context for the reader to figure it out.

Quick quiz

Find three words in the Scope magazine that you are unfamiliar with. Copy each word in its complete sentence and underline the unfamiliar word. Predict what it is using context clues and then look it up.

You will not learn any “gliffs” unless you read . . . a lot. By reading regularly, you are exposed to unfamiliar vocabulary in meaningful context and, in doing so, you build mature vocabularies.