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Read each sentence below. Use the other words in the sentence to help you figure out the meaning of the underlined word. Fill in the circle for the correct answer.

1. Staple crops like rice in Asia or maize in the Americas have fed families and grown economies for thousands of years.
 made and used in large amounts delicious
 expensive to grow full of nutrients
2. The Industrial Revolution transformed work forces and the kinds of products available to people all around the world.



4. Despite the names, a number of countries stayed neutral during World War I or World War II.
 unaffected by something not picking a side
 approving of something quick to act
5. General Toussaint Louverture, who was once enslaved himself, helped liberate others during the successful Haitian Revolution.
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- trade goods
- fossils
- small parts that remain
- full and detailed writings

7. The two countries had a longstanding feud, but luckily it never grew into an all-out war.

- military
- agreement
- dislike and disagreement
- loose friendship



- known by many
- reasonable to believe in

10. While rural areas are often a nation's agricultural backbone, metropolitan areas are often the industrial backbone.

- in or near populated cities
- having few people
- having trains or cars
- flat with lots of minerals

Use context clues to identify and circle the two words that are antonyms.

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