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Rare Word Sleuth

Directions: Read each short passage carefully. Use context clues to figure out the meaning of the **bolded rare word**. Write what you think the word means. Underline the clues that helped you decide.

1. The forest was so **verdant** after the rain that every leaf seemed to glow with life. Even the air smelled fresh and alive.

Meaning: _____

2. When the old man told stories of his adventures, his **cadence** was soothing, rising and falling like waves on the shore.

Meaning: _____

3. The **zephyr** that drifted through the open window cooled the classroom and rustled the papers on every desk.

Meaning: _____

4. Her **tenacity** in solving the mystery impressed everyone; she never gave up, even when the trail went cold.

Meaning: _____

5. The knight's **valor** on the battlefield became legendary, inspiring songs and tales across the kingdom.

Meaning: _____

6. The artist's **eccentric** habits-like painting at midnight or wearing mismatched shoes-made him well known around town.

Meaning: _____