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What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

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Definition of chief: _____

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Definition of thief: **someone who steals**

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

The neighbor had the purse stolen by someone who steals.

2. One of Genghis Khan's first important achievements was to unite the scattered **tribes** of Mongolia.

Definition of tribes: **a group of people who share the same language and customs**

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

Genghis Khan succeeded in uniting many different groups of people to become one larger group of people.

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Definition of chief: **most important, main**

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

Fifty percent of people eat rice as their main source of food.

4. The little girl smiled with **pride** when her grandmother complimented her on the skirt she had made in sewing class.

Definition of pride: **a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction**

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

Her grandmother's compliment made her feel deep satisfaction in her achievement.