Clean Sweep

**Vocabulary Study**

**CLASSIFYING WORDS**

**Directions:** As you read each sentence, pay attention to the boldfaced word and clues to its meaning. Together discuss possible meanings of the word.

1. Benjamin’s decision to help with today’s job is an **aberration**. He usually avoids work.
2. Fingerprints on the woodwork and stacks of yellowing newspapers on the floor made the apartment appear **dingy.**
3. The customer lost a **miniscule** diamond chip from her ring and demanded that we sift through the vacuum cleaner bag to try to find it.
4. Clients trust the cleaners completely. To maintain the relationship, the employees need to act with **propriety** at all times.
5. She was in **turmoil** over whether to accept the unpleasant job or give up the money she needed.
6. After we ripped up the carpet, we found the mold—the source of the **vile** odor throughout the house.

**Directions:** Use the boldfaced words from Part A to answer each question. Then, give an explanation as to why you feel this way.

1. Which words could be used in relationship to behavior?

1. Which words describe a mental condition or physical appearance?

1. Which words have negative meanings and connotations?