ACUMEN

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Using your own words and prior knowledge, what is the meaning of the term *acumen?*

# Original Text

Read the excerpt below to determine the meaning of *acumen* using your context clues. Add to your thoughts on what the meaning is what context clues helped you understand the word.

*Mr. Rochester had sometimes read my unspoken thoughts with an acumen to me incomprehensible: in the present instance he took no notice of my abrupt vocal response; but he smiled at me with a certain smile he had of his own, and which he used but on rare occasions. He seemed to think it too good for common purposes: it was the real sunshine of feeling — he shed it over me now.*

How have your thoughts on the meaning of *acumen* changed or stayed the same? What context clues helped you?

# Graphic Novel - pg. 76

Read the section from the graphic novel where the scene is portrayed visually. How have your thoughts on the meaning of *acumen* changed or stayed the same? What context clues helped you?

# Definition

Look up the formal definition. How is this definition similar or different from what you originally thought?