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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?