

# Context Clues

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## Quick Review

When you do not know a word, look at the OTHER WORDS in the sentence. They are clues that help you guess what the new word means.

### PRACTICE

Use the other words in the sentence as clues to find the meaning.

1. Read: *The path was **muddy**, so our shoes got wet and dirty.* **Muddy** means —
  - A. clean and dry
  - B. wet and dirty
  - C. soft and warm
  - D. new
2. Read: *The puppy was **tiny** and could fit in one hand.* **Tiny** means —
  - A. very big
  - B. very small
  - C. very loud
  - D. very fast
3. Read: *I was **thirsty**, so I drank a big glass of water.* **Thirsty** means —
  - A. needing a drink
  - B. feeling sleepy
  - C. feeling happy
  - D. feeling cold
4. Read: *The room was **silent**; we could not hear a sound.* **Silent** means —
  - A. very loud
  - B. very quiet
  - C. very bright
  - D. very dark
5. Read: *The soup was **steaming** and too hot to eat.* **Steaming** means —
  - A. very cold
  - B. very hot
  - C. very sweet
  - D. very old



6. Read: *My grandma is **elderly**; she is almost ninety years old.* **Elderly** means —

- A. young
- B. old
- C. tall
- D. shy

7. Read: *The clown was **amusing**, and the kids laughed and laughed.* **Amusing** means —

- A. funny
- B. scary
- C. sad
- D. boring

8. Read: *The box was so **heavy** that Dad could not lift it.* What does **heavy** mean? \_\_\_\_\_

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Read: *The puppy was **weary** after the long walk and fell asleep right away.* What does **weary** mean?  
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Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Read: *The hill was so **steep** that we had to climb up slowly.* What does **steep** mean? How do you know?

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## Answer Keys

- 1  A  B  C  D
- 2  A  B  C  D
- 3  A  B  C  D
- 4  A  B  C  D
- 5  A  B  C  D

- 6  A  B  C  D
- 7  A  B  C  D
- 8
- 9
- 10

### Explanations

1. B	Wet and dirty shoes are the clue. The others do not fit.
2. B	Fitting in one hand tells you it is very small.
3. A	Drinking water is the clue. Thirsty means you need a drink.
4. B	No sound at all means very quiet.
5. B	Too hot to eat is the clue for steaming.
6. B	Almost ninety years old tells you elderly means old.
7. A	Kids laughing is the clue. Amusing means funny.
8.	<b>Answer:</b> hard to lift / very weighty Not being able to lift the box is the clue for heavy.
9. tired	Falling asleep right away is the clue for weary.
10.	<b>Answer:</b> Example: Steep means going up sharply. I know because they had to climb up slowly. Accept any answer that uses the clue about climbing slowly.



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