

Context Clues

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Quick Review

If you don't know a word, use the **OTHER WORDS** in the sentence or nearby sentences as **CLUES**. Look for examples, definitions, synonyms (similar words), or antonyms (opposite words).

PRACTICE

Use context clues to choose the **BEST** meaning.

1. Read: *The rain made the path slippery, so we had to walk **cautiously**.* **Cautiously** means —
 - A. loudly
 - B. carefully
 - C. quickly
 - D. happily
2. Read: *The puppy was **famished** after running all day. He gobbled up his food in one minute.* **Famished** means —
 - A. sleepy
 - B. very hungry
 - C. scared
 - D. thirsty
3. Read: *The teacher praised us for being **diligent** — we worked hard all week.* **Diligent** means —
 - A. careful and hardworking
 - B. tired
 - C. playful
 - D. loud
4. Read: *The desert was **arid**, with no rain for months.* **Arid** means —
 - A. wet and rainy
 - B. very dry
 - C. cold
 - D. noisy



5. Read: *Lila was **delighted** when she opened the gift. She jumped up and clapped.* **Delighted** means —
- A. sad
 - B. angry
 - C. very happy
 - D. confused
6. Read: *The hike was **strenuous**; we were sweating and out of breath at the top.* **Strenuous** means —
- A. easy
 - B. needing a lot of effort
 - C. quick
 - D. rainy
7. Read: *The room was **chaotic**, with toys, books, and clothes spread everywhere.* **Chaotic** means —
- A. very tidy
 - B. messy and disorderly
 - C. quiet
 - D. fancy
8. Read: *His **generous** brother shared his last cookie with the puppy.* **Generous** means —
- A. selfish
 - B. willing to share
 - C. shy
 - D. tired
9. Read: *After the long trip, my dad was **exhausted** and fell asleep on the couch.* **Exhausted** means —
- A. very tired
 - B. very awake
 - C. very hungry
 - D. very loud
10. Read: *The shop owner was **furious** — her face was red and she stomped her foot.* **Furious** means —
- A. very angry
 - B. very calm
 - C. very polite
 - D. very sleepy



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 A B C D
- 9 A B C D
- 10 A B C D

Explanations

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| 1. B | If the path is slippery, you walk carefully. The other meanings would not match the danger. |
| 2. B | Gobbling food fast shows great hunger. The others don't explain the eating. |
| 3. A | "Worked hard all week" defines the word. The others don't match the clue. |
| 4. B | No rain for months → dry. A is the opposite; C and D are unrelated to the clue. |
| 5. C | Jumping and clapping show happiness. The other moods don't fit. |
| 6. B | Sweating and out of breath show hard effort. The others are weaker or unrelated. |
| 7. B | Stuff spread everywhere = messy. A is the opposite; C and D don't fit. |
| 8. B | Sharing the LAST cookie shows generosity. A is the opposite. |
| 9. A | Falling asleep tells the meaning. The others don't fit. |
| 10. A | Red face + stomping foot = anger. The other moods don't match the body language. |



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