

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

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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