

Context Clues

Name: _____

Date: _____

Score: ____ / 10



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

<p>1 <input type="radio"/> A <input checked="" type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C <input type="radio"/> D</p> <p>2 <input type="radio"/> A <input checked="" type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C <input type="radio"/> D</p> <p>3 <input checked="" type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C <input type="radio"/> D</p> <p>4 <input type="radio"/> A <input checked="" type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C <input type="radio"/> D</p> <p>5 <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input checked="" type="radio"/> C <input type="radio"/> D</p>	<p>6 <input type="radio"/> A <input checked="" type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C <input type="radio"/> D</p> <p>7 <input type="radio"/> A <input checked="" type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C <input type="radio"/> D</p> <p>8 <input type="radio"/> A <input checked="" type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C <input type="radio"/> D</p> <p>9 <input checked="" type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C <input type="radio"/> D</p> <p>10 <input checked="" type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C <input type="radio"/> D</p>
---	--

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.



Want Even More Practice? Check Out Our Other South Dakota Smarter Balanced ELA Test Books!



South Dakota Smarter Balanced Grade 3 ELA Preparation Bundle

26 full-length practice tests across four books (5 + 6 + 7 + 8)

No repeated questions — maximum practice value!

▼ DOWNLOAD INSTANTLY ▼



SCAN ME

Point your phone camera at the code · instant access to all four books

26 Tests!
4 Books
One Bundle

Important: All our test books contain **unique, completely different tests** from each other! Each book offers fresh practice questions — no repeats!

5 Practice Tests	6 Practice Tests	7 Practice Tests	8 Practice Tests
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 5 complete practice tests with detailed explanations ✓ Perfect foundation for Smarter Balanced ELA prep ✓ Builds confidence and test-taking skills ✓ High-quality questions aligned with standards <p>Start your practice journey!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 6 complete practice tests with detailed explanations ✓ Unique tests — different from the 5 tests book ✓ Perfect for more practice after mastering 5 tests ✓ Same high-quality questions aligned with standards <p>Take your practice to the next level!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 7 complete practice tests for deeper preparation ✓ Unique tests — different from 5 and 6 tests books ✓ Builds stamina with full-length practice ✓ Aligned to Grade 3 Smarter Balanced ELA standards <p>Maximum preparation power!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 8 complete practice tests — our largest book ✓ Unique tests — different from 5, 6 and 7 books ✓ Great for final review before test day ✓ Builds true test stamina and confidence <p>Be fully prepared!</p>

Get the bundle at EffortlessMath.com — scan the QR code above to open the product page.