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Context Clue Detective: Learn and Practice

Use nearby words to figure out new words

Read each question. Circle the best answer.

💡 Context Clues

- Context clues are nearby words that help you figure out a new word.
- Look for definitions, examples, opposites and what happens next.
- The hikers were parched, so they gulped their water. Parched means very thirsty.

1 Read: Ella was elated, jumping and cheering when she won. What does elated mean?

A. very nervous B. very upset C. very happy D. very calm

2 Read: The soup was scalding, so Leo waited for it to cool. What does scalding mean?

A. very thick B. very cold C. very hot D. very salty

3 Read: Unlike his timid brother, Raj was bold and spoke up first. What does timid mean?

A. brave B. shy C. tall D. loud

4 Read: The trail was treacherous, or dangerous, after the heavy rain. What does treacherous mean?

A. crowded B. beautiful C. dangerous D. short

5 What is a context clue?

A. the title of a book

B. nearby words that hint at a meaning

C. a dictionary entry D. a picture of a word

6 Read: The room was spotless, with not a speck of dirt anywhere. What does spotless mean?

A. very clean B. very dirty C. very small D. very dark

7 Read: The puppy was so exhausted after playing that it fell asleep right away. What does exhausted mean?

A. very tired B. very happy C. very wet D. very hungry

8 Read: Mia was famished. She had not eaten since breakfast. What does famished mean?

A. very sleepy B. very angry C. very full D. very hungry

✏️ Explain it! In your own words, write the rule for context clue detective and one example.

ANSWER KEY

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D. very calm

Jumping and cheering show great joy. Elated means very happy.

2. Read: The soup was scalding, so Leo waited for it to cool. What does scalding mean?

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D. very salty

Leo waited for it to cool, so it must have been very hot.

3. Read: Unlike his timid brother, Raj was bold and spoke up first. What does timid mean?

A. brave **B. shy** C. tall D. loud

Unlike signals an opposite. Raj was bold, so his brother was shy.

4. Read: The trail was treacherous, or dangerous, after the heavy rain. What does treacherous mean?

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The word or gives a definition right in the sentence.

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Context clues are hints in the words and sentences around a new word.

6. Read: The room was spotless, with not a speck of dirt anywhere. What does spotless mean?

A. very clean B. very dirty C. very small

D. very dark

Not a speck of dirt tells us the room was very clean.

7. Read: The puppy was so exhausted after playing that it fell asleep right away. What does exhausted mean?

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Falling asleep right away is the clue. Exhausted means very tired.

8. Read: Mia was famished. She had not eaten since breakfast. What does famished mean?

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D. very hungry

Not eating all day is the clue. Famished means very hungry.