

Context Clues Worksheet - Answer Key

4th Grade - context clues | 15 minutes

Read each sentence. Use the words around the bold word to write what it means.

Example: The desert was so arid that no plants could grow. -> arid means very dry.

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| <p>1 The enormous whale was bigger than our school bus.
Answer: enormous = very large</p> <p>3 The flashlight was dim, so we could barely see the path.
Answer: dim = not bright</p> <p>5 The kitten was timid and hid behind the couch when we arrived.
Answer: timid = shy, afraid</p> <p>7 The old bridge was fragile, so the town built a new one.
Answer: fragile = weak, easily broken</p> <p>9 The aroma of fresh bread filled the kitchen.
Answer: aroma = a pleasant smell</p> <p>11 The lake was so clear we could see the fish at the bottom.
Answer: clear = see-through, easy to see into</p> | <p>2 Maya felt nervous, but she tried to appear calm and relaxed.
Answer: calm = peaceful, not worried</p> <p>4 Leo was exhausted after running the whole race without stopping.
Answer: exhausted = very tired</p> <p>6 We cheered when the team scored the winning basket in the final second.
Answer: cheered = shouted with joy</p> <p>8 Dad's speech was brief - it lasted less than a minute.
Answer: brief = short</p> <p>10 Rosa was reluctant to jump, but her friends encouraged her.
Answer: reluctant = unwilling, not wanting to</p> <p>12 After the storm, we worked together to repair the damaged fence.
Answer: repair = fix</p> |
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Challenge

- 13 Write a sentence that uses the word 'gigantic' with clues that show what it means.
Answer: Sample: The gigantic skyscraper towered above every building in the city.
- 14 Which clue helped you most on one item? Explain why.
Answer: Sample: A contrast word like 'but' or an example told me the opposite meaning.