# Context clues worksheet

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Name _____ Date _____

For grown-ups: 8 questions from our context clues practice, easier ones first. Read a question aloud if your child wants that, then check together with the answer key on page 2. Circle one answer for each problem.

1. **What does the bold word mean?**

Leo was **reluctant** to try the new food. He poked it with his fork for a long time before taking one tiny bite.

○ **Not wanting to** ○ **Happy** ○ **Eager**
○ **Hungry**

2. **What does the bold word mean?**

The old bridge was **fragile**, so we walked across it one at a time and very carefully.

○ **Brand new** ○ **Easily broken**
○ **Wide** ○ **Very long**

3. **What does the bold word mean?**

Maya was **exhausted** after the long hike. She fell asleep as soon as she sat down.

○ **Lost** ○ **Thirsty** ○ **Excited**
○ **Very tired**

4. **What does the bold word mean?**

Priya **devoured** the mystery book, finishing all 200 pages in a single afternoon.

○ **Read quickly and eagerly** ○ **Lost**
○ **Wrote** ○ **Threw away**

5. **What does the bold word mean?**

The classroom was in **chaos**: papers flew everywhere, kids shouted, and the hamster was loose.

○ **Total confusion and mess**
○ **Silence** ○ **Perfect order** ○ **A test**

6. **What does the bold word mean?**

The directions were so **vague** that we could not tell whether to turn left or right, or even which street to look for.

○ **Clear** ○ **Long** ○ **Not clear**
○ **Loud**

7. **What does the bold word mean?**

The hikers found an **abundance** of blueberries. There were so many bushes that they filled every bucket and still had more to pick.

○ **A very large amount**
○ **A small amount**
○ **A kind of bucket** ○ **A path**

8. **What does the bold word mean?**

The museum guide asked us not to touch the **ancient** vase. It was made more than 2,000 years ago.

○ **Broken** ○ **Very expensive**
○ **Brand new** ○ **Very old**

# Answer key: Context clues

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1. **Not wanting to**
   Reluctant means not wanting to do something. Leo poked the food and waited.
2. **Easily broken**
   Fragile means easily broken. They were careful because the bridge might break.
3. **Very tired**
   Exhausted means very tired. Falling asleep right away is the clue.
4. **Read quickly and eagerly**
   Devoured usually means ate hungrily, but here it means she read the book quickly and eagerly.
5. **Total confusion and mess**
   Chaos means total confusion. The flying papers, shouting, and loose hamster describe it.
6. **Not clear**
   Vague means not clear. They could not tell which way to go.
7. **A very large amount**
   Abundance means a very large amount. They filled every bucket and still had more.
8. **Very old**
   Ancient means very old. The vase is more than 2,000 years old.