Context Clue

Name: _____ Date: _____

Choose the letter for the word that most closely matches the underlined word in each sentence. Use other words in the sentence for clues to find the correct meaning.

1. The lost campers **sweltered** in the heat of the desert sun.
   a. Ate b. Slept c. Burned d. Sunbathed

2. Congress put a **tariff** on overseas goods so the price would not be lower than domestic products.
   a. Stamp b. Ad c. Decrease d. Tax

3. The scared rock climbers balanced **precariously** on the edge of the cliff.
   a. Gracefully b. Dangerously c. Hopefully d. Lazily

4. We often travel to New England in the autumn to see the bright colors of the fall **foliage**.
   a. Hurricane b. Snow c. Play d. Leaves

5. Each student was **allotted** two tickets to the dance.
   a. Given b. Joyful c. Taken d. Led

6. The mood was **somber** at the funeral of the former president.
   a. Shy b. Serious c. Hungry d. Plenty

7. The country cottage was just outside the **picturesque** town.
   a. Charming b. Perhaps c. Ruined d. Running

8. The **impudent** boy was rude to the policeman.
   a. Handsome b. Careful c. Poor d. Bold

9. Cold rain fell all day, making it a **dismal** afternoon.
   a. Gloomy b. Red c. Shining d. Fun

10. Usually, the airline did not allow animals to fly in the passenger cabin, but in the case of therapy animals this rule is **inapplicable** because people doctors prescribe them.
    a. Irrelevant b. Late c. Easy d. unimportant

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