

Context Clues Test

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Directions: Read each sentence carefully. Use the context clues to choose the best meaning of the underlined word.

1. The scientist studied **entomology**, which is the scientific study of insects.
 - A. The study of rocks
 - B. The study of insects
 - C. The study of stars
 - D. The study of plants
2. Tom is a **philatelist**, a person who collects postage stamps as a hobby.
 - A. A person who writes letters
 - B. A person who sells books
 - C. A person who collects stamps
 - D. A person who works at a post office
3. Many countries are investing in **renewable** energy sources, for example, solar power, wind power, and hydroelectric power.
 - A. Very expensive and rare
 - B. Harmful to nature
 - C. Made only from oil
 - D. Able to be replaced naturally and not used up
4. **Perishable** foods, such as milk, fish, and fresh fruit, spoil quickly if they are not kept cold.
 - A. Likely to go bad quickly
 - B. Very expensive
 - C. Easy to carry
 - D. Made in a factory
5. The manager was **reluctant**, or unwilling, to approve the new budget.
 - A. Unwilling
 - B. Eager
 - C. Angry
 - D. Confused
6. His explanation was **concise**; it was short and to the point, so everyone understood it quickly.
 - A. Long and boring
 - B. Brief and clear
 - C. Difficult to hear
 - D. Full of mistakes

7. Unlike his **gregarious** brother who loves going to parties, Ben is shy and prefers to stay home.
- A. Quiet and shy
 - B. Lazy
 - C. Sociable
 - D. Dishonest
8. In contrast to the **opulent** hotel we stayed at last year, this one was plain and cheap.
- A. Luxurious
 - B. Simple
 - C. Dirty
 - D. Crowded
9. The hikers did not carry enough water, so they became **dehydrated** and felt dizzy.
- A. Very happy
 - B. Lost and confused
 - C. Suffering from too little water in the body
 - D. Too hot to walk
10. The company's profits **plummeted** because customers stopped buying its outdated products.
- A. Increased slowly
 - B. Stayed the same
 - C. Were shared equally
 - D. Dropped sharply