



Context Clues exercise



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Instructions: Read each sentence. Use the clues in the sentence to pick the best meaning for each underlined word.

1. The teacher anticipated the first day of school with much longing.



- A) looked forward to
- B) dreaded
- C) regretted

2. The girl's hypothesis was that someone was watching her, but she couldn't prove it yet.

- A) working theory
- B) conclusion
- C) mystery

3. Her mother said: "I forbid you to go to the store – it is raining outside"



- A) dread
- B) hope
- C) not allow

4. The glass plate shattered when it hit the floor and broke into a thousand pieces.

- A) break into pieces
- B) bounced
- C) made a loud noise

5. The striations in the rock showed that water used to flow along the channels in the rock.

- A) stripes
- B) circles
- C) holes

6. Our baseball team's pitcher has a few eccentric habits, such as throwing exactly thirteen warm-up pitches and never wearing socks.

- A) normal
- B) strange
- C) messy



7. After the heavy rains, the stream became murky; in fact, the water was so cloudy you couldn't see the bottom.

- A) cloudy
- B) bottomless
- C) clear



8. The debris on the stadium floor included numerous paper cups, ticket stubs, and cigarette butts.

- A) products
- B) papers
- C) trash

9. The coach takes every opportunity to censure his players, yet he ignores every opportunity to praise them.

- A) approve of
- B) criticize
- C) choose



10. The newlyweds agreed to be very frugal in their shopping because they wanted to save enough money to buy a house.

- A) economical
- B) wasteful
- C) interested



11. Although Alex usually looks unkempt, he had a very neat appearance at his job interview.

- A) orderly
- B) handsome
- C) messy

12. I'm looking for a unique gift for my boyfriend; he appreciates unusual things.

- A) example
- B) synonym
- C) antonym / contrast



13. Expecting that his license would be renewed, the pilot was surprised when it was revoked instead.

- A) example
- B) synonym
- C) antonym



Congratulations!