

Context Clues Worksheet

A context clue is information that the author gives that helps readers figure out something. We can use context clues to figure out the meaning of some words.

Choose the best meaning for each highlighted word.

1. "This race is not for **amateurs**. Some of the best dog teams in the Northwest will be entering."

2. "But most important, because Grandfather's old **mare** had died last winter, a horse to pull the **plow** had to be located and rented."

3. "**Taxes** gotta be paid, whether we like it or not. And believe me, I don't know of anybody who likes it."

"Then why do we have to them in the first place?"

"Because it's the way the State gets its money."

4. Each morning **he** would get up and make a fire. Then **he** would make oatmeal mush for breakfast. **He** ate it. Searchlight ate it. Grandfather ate it. **He** would feed Grandfather a spoonful at a time.

5. After breakfast little Willy would hitch up Searchlight to the sled. **It** was an old wooden sled that Grandfather had bought from the Indians. **It** was so light that little Willy could pick **it** up with one hand. But **it** was strong and sturdy.

6. Little Willy rode on the sled standing up and Searchlight would pull **him** five miles across the snow-covered countryside to the schoolhouse, which was located on the outskirts of town.

7. Searchlight loved the snow. **She** would wait patiently outside the schoolhouse all day long. And little Willy never missed a chance to run out between classes and play with his friend.