

Topic: Context Clues

When strong readers come to an unfamiliar word, they can use context clues to help them determine the meaning of new words within a passage or a sentence. A word's context includes the words and sentences around it. Context clues usually give you a sense of a word's meaning, so you can continue reading without referring to a dictionary.

Task: Each sentence has context clues to help you figure out the meaning of the highlighted word. Circle the correct meaning of each highlighted word.

- i. They were **ecstatic** at the birth of their sister. They couldn't stop smiling for days.

a. nervous b. excited c. angry

- ii. When I fell off the tree, I **fractured** my arm and wore a cast.

a. broke b. avoided c. looked at

- iii. My mom says I should **assist** older people when I can, opening doors for them or helping them cross the road.

a. ignore b. help c. say hello

- iv. That movie was really **humorous**, I laughed so hard I was almost crying.

a. boring b. sad c. funny

- v. At the restaurant we were offered a variety of **beverages**, like milk, fresh juices and cold coffee.

a. bread b. drinks c. milk

- vi. The students begged their teacher to **permit** them to play games.

a. watch b. understand c. allow

- vii. It is **tragic** when someone gets hurt in a car accident.

a. nice b. boring c. awful

- viii. The **aroma** of the chocolate cake in the oven, makes me feel happy.

a. taste b. smell c. look

- ix. I drank an entire glass of water because I was **parched**.

a. hungry b. thirsty c. happy

- x. The lamb was very **feeble** but the lion was very strong.

a. weak b. tall c. heavy

