

CONTEXT CLUES

When we went to the petting zoo, we bought some chicken feed. The feed was tiny and filled our hands. We threw it into the air and it scattered on the ground. Then the chickens ran towards the feed and ate it quickly.

1. The word scattered means:

- A. throw over an object
- B. to move out quickly in different directions
- C. to hold on to

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Fables are fun to read. In these stories, the author always tries to teach a lesson. Fables also have animals that talk and act like people. One of the characters in fables is a fox. The fox is a clever animal and should never be trusted.

2. The word clever means:

- A. smart
- B. tricky
- C. skilled or talented

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My mom has some beautiful jewelry. When I was younger, I used to sneak in her room to play with it and to try it on. When my mom told me to stop though, I did. Today, my mom noticed her jewelry was out of place and started to accuse me but then she realized it was probably my little sister.

3. The word accuse means:

- A. charge someone with a crime
- B. blame
- C. let go

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My cousins and I built a big skateboarding ramp in our driveway out of old pieces of wood. We tried to make it as fun as possible but we also wanted to keep it safe. We all knew what the outcome might be if someone had a bad fall off of it.

4. The word outcome means:

- A. how something turns out
- B. the cause
- C. something expected

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When we tried out for the spelling bee team, we were told that there would be a brief meeting after school to take the practice test. I hoped the meeting would really go quickly because I also had soccer practice that afternoon.

5. The word brief means:
- A. a long time
 - B. a court summary
 - C. a short period of time

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My best friend stayed home from school for a week. She had a fever, a runny nose and an upset stomach. I knew she must be in misery because she didn't even call me like she usually does. I hope she gets better really soon.

6. The word misery means:
- A. slight pain
 - B. happiness
 - C. suffering

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My friend and I were swimming at the community pool. We decided to race but my friend wanted to wear flippers. I thought flippers would give him too much of an advantage, so I got out of the pool and got on my flippers too!

7. The word advantage means:
- A. a better position
 - B. the opportunity to profit
 - C. something negative

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When my teacher told us we were going to learn about the phases of the Moon, I was worried. The names of the phases, like Waxing Crescent and Waning Gibbous, seemed really hard. After we had a few lessons though, I felt like I was able to digest the information.

8. The word digest means:
- A. to break down food
 - B. to understand something
 - C. to be confused

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My friend's family was going to the movies and they invited me to come with them. I thought it sounded like fun and I really wanted to go. I knew that my sister had a softball game but I was hoping that I would be able to convince my parents to let me go.

9. The word convince means:
- A. cooperate
 - B. try to change someone's thinking
 - C. entertain

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My teenage brother was going to a Halloween party but didn't have a costume. My mom told him he couldn't go without a costume. My dad told him to go to the costume shop to find something suitable to wear to the party.

10. The word suitable means:
- A. wrong
 - B. fancy clothes
 - C. appropriate

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We wanted to watch a movie on T.V. but it wasn't working. My friend asked his dad to come and see if he could fix it. His dad checked each cable and made sure each one was plugged in tightly. Finally, the T.V. was working again, and we were able to watch our show.

11. The word cable means:
- A. a chain of a ship's anchor
 - B. wire or cords
 - C. an area supplied with cable for T.V.

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The big school play was almost here. I tried out for a part but wasn't chosen, so I decided to help backstage. After the play was over, the drama teacher told me that she liked my attitude, and hoped I would try out again next year.

12. The word attitude means:
- A. a way of thinking
 - B. a ballet position
 - C. a bad mood

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My cousin likes to play chess. He knows what each piece is called and how it can move. My cousin is actually very clever and is teaching me how to play the game as well. One day, hopefully we can have some good matches.

13. The word clever means:

- A. smart
- B. tricky
- C. not very bright

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Back in the days of kings and queens, young boys who wanted to become knights would leave their homes and go train at the castle when they were seven years old. After many years of training, if the knight proved himself to be a bold and skillful fighter, he would become a knight.

14. The word bold means:

- A. shy
- B. full of courage
- C. a strong appearance

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Our social studies test about Native Americans was in a few days. I tried to study each night because I wanted to do well on the test. If I remembered all of the information, I might avoid getting a failing grade.

15. The word avoid means:

- A. to stay away from someone
- B. to not go to a place
- C. to prevent from happening

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My family climbed to the top of the mountain. Once we got there, we were amazed at the magnificent view. We were able to see for miles and miles and everything looked so small from where we were.

16. The word magnificent means:

- A. average
- B. wonderful
- C. cheap

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When my brother was playing baseball, one of his friends, Max, hit the ball so hard, that it smashed through my parent's bedroom window. Even though Max was nervous, he knocked on our front door and confessed that it was his ball that broke the glass.

17. The word confessed means:

- A. admit
- B. deny
- C. tell a priest what you have done

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Our teacher was going to have a baby this summer and we were excited. Some of our parents helped us plan a surprise baby shower for her. As soon as our teacher opened the door and saw us and all of the decorations, she gasped!

18. The word gasped means:

- A. to laugh
- B. hold your breath
- C. to take in air by surprise

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When my grandma visits us, she likes to rest on the sofa and watch T.V. Sometimes I'll say something to her and she doesn't answer. Then I look at her and notice that her eyes are closed, so I know she must be dozing.

19. The word dozing means:

- A. taking a nap
- B. to be wide awake
- C. to dance

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Each person in my class chose an animal for a research report. My animal was the polar bear. I learned that polar bears have warm fur, a thick layer of fat, and many other adaptations, so they can live in such a harsh habitat.

20. The word harsh means:

- A. difficult climate/weather
- B. mean
- C. unpleasant

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I hurt my leg playing football, so my mom rushed me to the doctor's office to get an xray. The doctor examined my leg and looked at the xray and she could see that it was broken. I got a cast right away and some crutches too.

21. The word examined means:
- A. to ask someone questions
 - B. to look at carefully
 - C. to overlook

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We went to the space museum with my class and learned about the universe. One of the facts that mystified me was that the universe is never ending! I can't imagine something that big.

22. The word mystified means:
- A. to confuse
 - B. to keep a secret
 - C. to make something clear

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When I went to my grandpa's house near the beach, he showed me his metal detector. We decided to take it to the beach and to look for things in the sand. We looked a long time but never found anything that was rare, just a few pennies and nickels.

23. The word rare means:
- A. not cooked well
 - B. does not occur often
 - C. special/valuable

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When my teacher moved me to the back of the room, I had a hard time seeing the board. My mom took me to the eye doctor and he checked my vision. It turns out that I do need glasses. I hope I can find some that I like!

24. The word vision means:
- A. ability to see
 - B. a beautiful person
 - C. a dream

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Our backyard has a hummingbird feeder. Everyday we watch little green and blue hummingbirds flutter by, on their way to the feeder. If you happen to be outside when they are nearby, you can hear them too! I love to watch these beautiful birds.

25. The word flutter means:
- A. to move around nervously
 - B. to move using wings
 - C. a shiver of excitement

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It was almost Mother's Day and I forgot to ask my dad to take me to the store to choose a card. I intended to find a really pretty card with pink roses, which are my mom's favorite flower. Since it's so late, I'm planning to make one instead.

26. The word intended means:
- A. to understand
 - B. your goal/plan
 - C. don't want to happen

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The thunderstorm was coming! We could hear the rain crashing down on our house and could hear the whistling wind. We saw the first flashes of lightning and waited to count each bit of thunder as it got closer. This was going to be a fierce storm!

27. The word fierce means:
- A. competitive
 - B. calm
 - C. very strong

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We made clay fish in our art class with self-drying clay. They looked really cool when we were making them but when they were dry, they started to crumble. I was a little disappointed but hoped we'd be able to make the fish again, with some new clay.

28. The word crumble means:
- A. a mixture of flour and butter for a dessert
 - B. to stay solid
 - C. to fall apart in small pieces

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My great aunt was moving to a smaller home and we helped her pack all of her special dishes. She told us to make sure to write "fragile" on the side of each box, since the dishes were so delicate.

29. The word delicate means:

- A. easily broken
- B. finely made
- C. sensitive

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We were reading a story about Milton Hershey, who invented Hershey's Kisses. The passage was very interesting and told us how he made caramels for a living at first. He only started doing chocolate when he decided to cover the caramels with it.

30. The word passage means:

- A. a short piece of text
- B. a narrow way
- C. a journey from one place to another

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My mom was helping me clean out my room when we found my old stuffed dinosaur. Even though he was only a few years old, he was so dirty, he looked ancient. At first, I thought we should give him away, but then I decided to keep him on the top shelf of my closet.

31. The word ancient means:

- A. existed only in history
- B. very old
- C. young

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Scientists believe that a long, long time ago, the world looked different. They think that there was a super continent named Pangea. Their theory describes how Pangea broke into different pieces of land to form the continents we have today.

32. The word theory means:

- A. fact
- B. something that is proven to be untrue
- C. a set of ideas/hypothesis

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