

# Using Context Clues

 **Introduction** Sometimes when you read, you will see a word you do not know. You can figure out its meaning by looking at the words around it. You can use **context clues**.

- Sometimes a sentence includes a definition of the word.

**definition**

Living in a **frigid**, or **extremely cold**, place can be difficult.

- A sentence might also give an example that explains a word.

**example**

**Frigid** temperatures in the Arctic can be as low as **58°F below zero**.

 **Guided Practice**

Use context clues to figure out the meaning of each underlined word. Write the meaning. Then circle the words that were a clue.

**HINT** As you read, look for the words *such as*. These words might introduce an example that helps you figure out the meaning of an unknown word.

- 1 Animals adapt by changing in a way that allows them to live in a certain place.
- 2 The polar bear's furry snout and ears help it survive, or stay alive, in the cold Arctic.
- 3 The white fur of the Arctic fox lets it hide from predators such as wolves.
- 4 The Arctic bee has to shiver, or shake, to keep itself warm.

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