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Reading Comprehension: Context Clues

Directions: One word has been highlighted in each sentence below. Decide which meaning is correct by reading the sentence and thinking about how the word is used. Write the correct answer on the line.

a round object	an attack	went away	serious
the handle of a pail	a dance	hard work	moving smoothly
fall over	bright	happy	nervous

1. The **bail** was broken, so the bucket of water was heavy to lift.
   The definition of bail used in the sentence is _____.

2. Sarah and I had a grand time at the **ball** last night.
   The definition of ball used in the sentence is _____.

3. Ricardo **left** before I could tell him good-bye.
   The definition of left used in the sentence is _____.

4. Marvin had a **fit** when his brother broke his new red bicycle.
   The definition of fit used in the sentence is _____.

5. The men became **grave** when they saw the danger they were in.
   The definition of grave used in the sentence is _____.

6. The tower will **topple** if it has too much weight at the top.
   The definition of topple used in the sentence is _____.

7. The students who put in the best **effort** will be included in the celebration.
   The definition of effort used in the sentence is _____.

8. After the rainstorm, the rainbow lit up the sky with **vivid** colors.
   The definition of vivid used in the sentence is _____.

9. His mother gets very **anxious** if he stays outside after dark.
   The definition of anxious used in the sentence is _____.

10. An eagle was **gliding** high above the ground.
    The definition of gliding used in the sentence is _____.