

Context Clues

Grade 3 • ELA • Using sentence clues to figure out the meaning of unfamiliar words • Standards: L.3.4a

Read each sentence carefully. Use the clues in the sentence to figure out what the word in ALL CAPS means, then write its meaning on the line.

1. The puppy was so TINY that it fit in my hand.
2. I was FAMISHED after skipping breakfast, so I ate two sandwiches for lunch.
3. The AROMA of fresh cookies baking in the oven smelled wonderful.
4. We had to POSTPONE the picnic until next week because of the rainstorm.
5. The teacher asked us to EXAMINE the rock closely and describe what we saw.
6. My brother is very CAUTIOUS when he rides his bike near the busy street.
7. The artist used VIBRANT colors like bright red, sunny yellow, and electric blue in her painting.
8. The old barn began to COLLAPSE, and the walls fell down in a heap.
9. After playing outside all afternoon, the children were EXHAUSTED and needed to rest.
10. The magician made the coin VANISH so quickly that no one saw where it went.
11. Instead of throwing away the old boxes, we decided to RECYCLE them so they could be made into new paper.
12. The mayor made an ANNOUNCEMENT to tell everyone in town about the new park opening on Saturday.

Answer Key — Context Clues

For the teacher / parent. Do not distribute with the worksheet.

1. very small
2. very hungry
3. smell or scent
4. delay or move to a later time
5. look at carefully
6. careful
7. bright and bold
8. fall down or break apart
9. very tired
10. disappear
11. reuse or make into something new
12. an official statement or message