

1. Context Clues

Use context clues to figure out the meaning of the underlined word.

Eating after taking this pill could make you sick, so you must abstain for at least an hour.

- a) immediately do something
- b) not do something
- c) do something carefully

2. Context Clues

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In order to get a conviction, the jury needed a unanimous vote. However, two of the jurors voted differently.

- a) without emotion
- b) swift
- c) in full agreement



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of the underlined word.

The knight brandished his sword at his enemy.

- a) polished
- b) put away slowly
- c) displayed threateningly

of the underlined word.

Jordan spent all afternoon helping his friend move furniture. All that strenuous activity left him sore today!

- a) surprisingly easy
- b) requiring lots of effort
- c) normal

5. Context Clues

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This charger isn't compatible with my phone, so I'll need to find a different one.

- a) works together with
- b) equally expensive as
- c) long enough to reach

6. Context Clues

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Most of the hikers didn't expect it to rain. Luckily, one of them had the foresight to pack umbrellas just in case.

- a) power of thinking ahead
- b) pure luck
- c) job



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of the underlined word.

The coach found a weakness in the other team's defense that we could exploit.

- a) take advantage of
- b) point out
- c) help

of the underlined word.

Collete quickly walked away from the shirt on the hanger. It was a hideous mix of neon stripes, polka dots, and sequins.

- a) greatly desired
- b) expensive
- c) incredibly ugly

9. Context Clues

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An ominous wall of thick, dark clouds was gathering on the horizon.

- a) causing cheer
- b) hinting something bad will happen
- c) uninteresting

10. Context Clues

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Yael was afraid to tell people what had happened. However, he trusted Adalynn enough to confide in her.

- a) hide something from
- b) share a secret
- c) lie to



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of the underlined word.

This ingenious device can make even the muddiest water completely safe to drink!

- a) original and clever
- b) unhelpful
- c) found everywhere

of the underlined word.

Forecasters predict a huge snowstorm this weekend. It would be prudent to stock up on food and water.

- a) possible
- b) unnecessary
- c) wise

13. Context Clues

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Time had worn down the headstone until the writing was nothing but obscure markings.

- a) well-loved
- b) in another language
- c) unclear

14. Context Clues

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Dr. Reyes thinks the growth is malignant. She wants to remove it right away.

- a) harmless
- b) harmful
- c) good for you



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of the underlined word.

The speed and height of the roller coaster made it a truly exhilarating ride!

- a) thrilling
- b) boring
- c) hated

of the underlined word.

Grandma has very few doors in her house. Instead, she uses sheets or strings of beads as partitions.

- a) decorations
- b) lockable items
- c) things that divide

17. Context Clues

Use context clues to figure out the meaning of the underlined word.

It took three people to subdue the bucking horse.

- a) ride; guide
- b) force to calm down
- c) identify

18. Context Clues

Use context clues to figure out the meaning of the underlined word.

Lochlan has been in a deep melancholy for days now. Can you think of anything that might cheer him up?

- a) great joy
- b) state of sadness
- c) confusion



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of the underlined word.

Mr. Orr has the tedious job of checking back in all the textbooks the students borrowed this year.

- a) incredibly difficult
- b) easy and exciting
- c) tiresome and boring

of the underlined word.

Water along the shore often recedes quickly before a tsunami. Then it comes crashing back with force.

- a) moves in
- b) dries up
- c) draws back

21. Context Clues

Use context clues to figure out the meaning of the underlined word.

Kehlani has tried to refine the language in her poem for days, but she's still not happy with it.

- a) improve; perfect
- b) make more complicated
- c) remove

22. Context Clues

Use context clues to figure out the meaning of the underlined word.

Zaylee is a very thoughtful girl. When the living room got messy, she cleaned it up, completely unbidden.

- a) with complaint
- b) after being forced
- c) without being asked



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of the underlined word.

Although it's now dusty and desolate, this town used to be booming with life.

- a) empty and joyless
- b) loud and busy
- c) unclean

of the underlined word.

Try not to let the temperature fluctuate. Too many changes are stressful to the fish.

- a) increase
- b) stay the same
- c) shift back and forth

25. Context Clues

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They discussed myriad things, from grades to personal interests to movies they'd watched recently.

- a) unimportant
- b) many and different
- c) very few

26. Context Clues

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The scientist posed an interesting query. However, even after the experiment, we are no closer to an answer.

- a) test
- b) question
- c) idea



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of the underlined word.

Valentino doesn't use the service much anymore, so he will terminate his subscription to it.

- a) end
- b) continue
- c) upgrade

of the underlined word.

Monkey tails can balance, show emotion, and sometimes even grip branches. They're a very versatile body part!

- a) having many uses
- b) bendy
- c) easy to break

29. Context Clues

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We had to jostle our way through the rowdy crowd in order to reach the exit.

- a) push and shove
- b) politely move
- c) crawl

30. Context Clues

Use context clues to figure out the meaning of the underlined word.

Mom would like to go somewhere serene for vacation. Perhaps a quiet lake or peaceful countryside?

- a) exciting
- b) warm and sunny
- c) pleasantly calm



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Task Cards: Context Clues

Write the underlined word and its meaning.

	word	meaning
1.		
2.		
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Task Cards: Context Clues

Write the underlined word and its meaning.

	word	meaning
16.		
17.		
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ANSWER KEY

Task Cards: Context Clues

Write the underlined word and its meaning.

	word	meaning
1.	abstain	not do something

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14.	malignant	harmful
15.	exhilarating	thrilling

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Task Cards: Context Clues

Write the underlined word and its meaning.

	word	meaning
16.	<u>partitions</u>	things that divide

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29.	<u>jostle</u>	push and shove
30.	<u>serene</u>	pleasantly calm