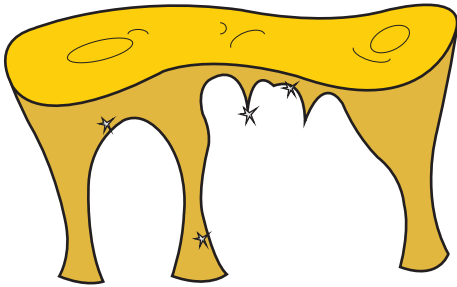


Vocabulary Practice: Using Context

Adapted excerpt from

The Golden Dream

By R.M. Ballantyne



Ned stood in the center of a cavern of **vast** dimensions—so vast, and so full of intense light, that instead of looking on it as a huge cave, he felt inclined to regard it as a small world. The sides of this cavern were made of pure gold, and the roof—far above his head—was **spangled** all over with glittering points, like a starry sky. The ground,

too, and, in fact, everything within the cave, was made of the same precious metal.

Thousands of **stalactites** hung from the roof like golden icicles. Millions of delicate threads of the same material also hung down from the star-spangled vault, each thread having a golden ball at the end of it, which, strange to say, was transparent, and **permitted** a bright flame within to shine through, and shed a yellow lustre over surrounding objects. All the edges, and angles, and points of the irregularly-formed walls were of burnished gold, which reflected the rays of these pendant lamps with dazzling brilliancy, while the broad masses of the frosted walls shone with **subdued** light. Magnificent curtains of golden filigree fell in rich voluminous folds on the pavement, half **concealing** several archways which led into smaller caverns, similar to the large one. Altogether it was a scene of **luxurious** richness and splendor that is utterly indescribable.

Read the text above. Then, use the context clues to match each vocabulary word to its definition

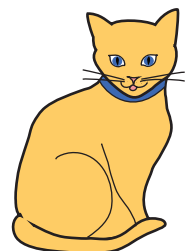
vast	cone-shaped structures hanging from the roof of a cave
spangled	soft and dim
stalactites	immense or huge
permitted	extremely elegant and grand
subdued	keeping from sight; hiding
concealing	allowed or enabled
luxurious	covered with small sparkling objects

Using Context Clues

Name: _____

Instructions: Sometimes when reading, we come across a word that we don't quite know the meaning of. Sometimes looking up the word in the dictionary is an option, and sometimes it's not. Use the context clues in the sentence to find the meaning of unknown words.

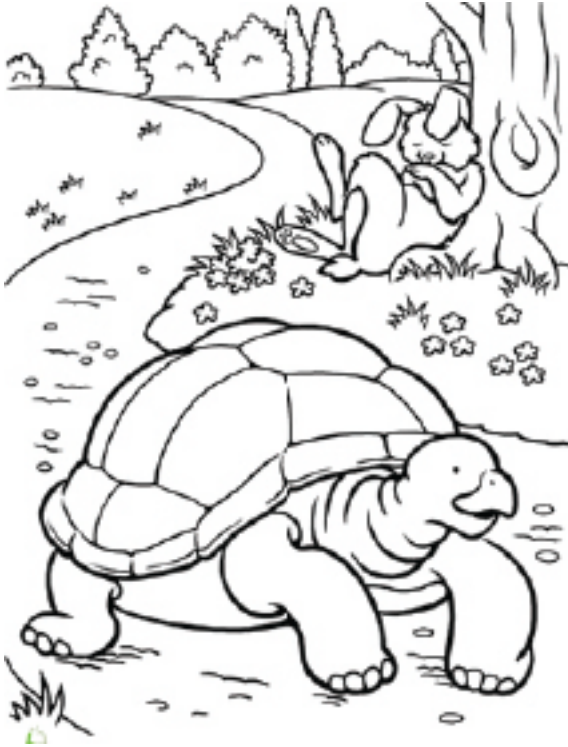
1. The coach **admonished** her for picking daisies when she should have been defending the goal.
a. Criticized b. Praised c. Listened
2. He tried to **perturb** his sister by putting his foot closer and closer to her side of the car.
a. Congratulate b. Irritate c. Question
3. She showed great **proWess** in the engineering competition and won first prize.
a. Anxiety b. Patience c. Skill
4. I don't wish to **impede** your progress, I was merely trying to make sure you understand the instructions.
a. Slow b. Improve c. Exaggerate
5. He just had to get back at the other player; he was quite **vindictive**.
a. Loving b. Thoughtful c. Resentful
6. The **onslaught** of dishes came right after the party of 18 left the restaurant.
a. Handful b. Invasion c. Trickling
7. The cat had some **trepidation** as it passed the dog's kennel.
a. Confidence b. Hunger c. Unease



Name: _____ Date: _____

The Tortoise & The Hare

An Aesop Fable



A Hare was making fun of the Tortoise one day for being so slow.

"Do you ever get anywhere?" he asked with a **mocking** laugh.

"Yes," replied the Tortoise, "and I get there sooner than you think. I'll run you a race and prove it."

The Hare was much **amused** at the idea of running a race with the Tortoise, but for the fun of the thing he agreed. So the Fox, who had **consented** to act as judge, marked the distance and started the runners off.

The Hare was soon far out of sight, and to make the Tortoise feel very deeply how **ridiculous** it was for him

to try a race with a Hare, he lay down beside the course to take a nap until the Tortoise should catch up.

The Tortoise meanwhile kept going slowly but **steadily**, and, after a time, passed the place where the Hare was sleeping. But the Hare slept on very peacefully; and when at last he did wake up, the Tortoise was near the goal. The Hare now ran his **swiftest**, but he could not **overtake** the Tortoise in time.

Read the excerpt above. Then, use the context clues to match each vocabulary word to its definition.

mocking

agreed

amused

criticising and laughing at someone for being worthless or unimportant

consented

to move past someone by moving faster than them

ridiculous

most quickly

steadily

being made to laugh or smile

swiftest

lasting or continuing for a long period of time in a dependable way

overtake

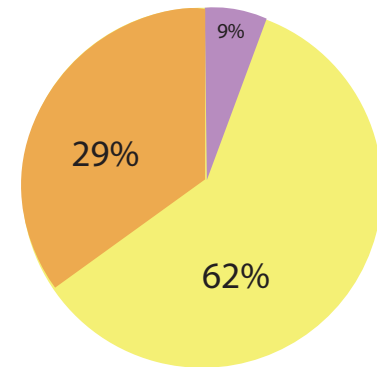
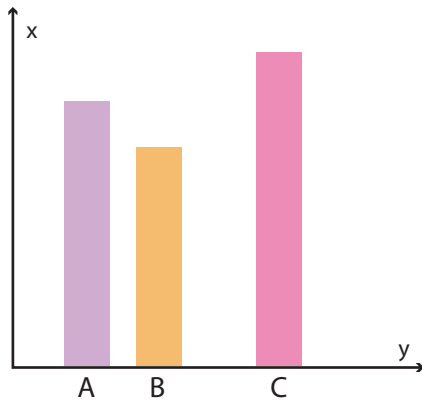
extremely silly or unreasonable

Name: _____

Illustrative Infographics

Instructions: Select two sources on your topic then use this graphic organizer to synthesize, compare, and contrast information. Create an infographic that illustrates an important concept that was addressed in both sources. Write an explanation of this concept below your infographic.

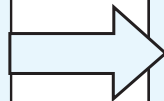
Infographic/Illustration



Explanation

Source 1

Source 2



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How Do You Use Context Clues?

Using context clues, choose the correct definition for the underlined words in each of the sentences below.

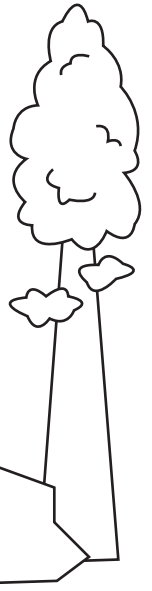
1. During soccer games, Katie tries to alternate the direction she kicks the ball to confuse her opponents.

- a. roll or glide
- b. turn
- c. run quickly
- d. go back and forth



2. The immense sequoia trees towered above us as we hiked along the forest trail.

- a. a dark shade of green
- b. very large or great
- c. sweet smelling, like incense
- d. unique or unusual



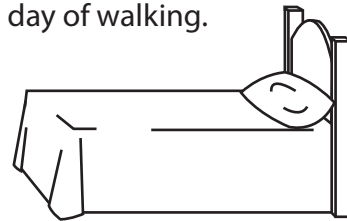
3. As hard as I pushed the giant rock, it would not budge at all.

- a. move or shift
- b. roll or glide
- c. grow moss or lichen
- d. dig into the earth



4. The weary travelers collapsed on their beds after a long day of walking.

- a. feeling worried or anxious
- b. happy, content
- c. feeling or showing extreme tiredness
- d. relieved or grateful



5. The private investigator could detect a faint odor coming from the closet.

- a. to discover something not easily noticed
- b. to see with one's own eyes
- c. to put something away
- d. to be curious



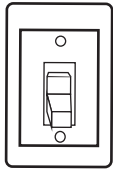
Read each sentence below. Then, write a definition for the underlined words.

6. When the power goes out, I use a flashlight to illuminate my room so I can see.

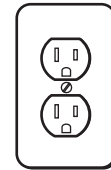
Definition: _____

7. Leah used her purple shovel to excavate my lost toy truck.

Definition: _____



Homographs



Homographs are words that are spelled the same but have different meanings, and may be pronounced differently. Write the homograph for each clue.

1. Something in a pencil, or what a CEO of a business does for her company.

2. The reverse direction, or the part of your anatomy that has a spine.

3. A pass that allows you to do something, or to give permission to someone.

4. When a broadcast is made as it is happening, or the opposite of dead.

5. Sixty seconds, or something very small. _____

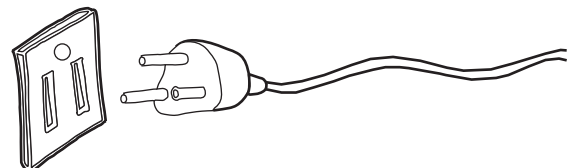
6. The way someone behaves, or to lead an orchestra. _____

7. The opposite of something, or a brand of shoes. _____

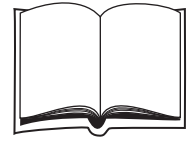
8. The break kids get around lunch time, or to shrink. _____

9. A beautiful smelling flower, or past tense of ascending.

10. The edge of the river, or a place where you store your money.



Keeping Up with Context Clues



Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: As you read, look for unfamiliar or interesting words. Then, use the clues in the text to determine the word's meaning. Use the table below to record the words you discovered.

What's the Word? Include a page number.	What's the context? Write the sentence or phrase in which the word is used in the text.	What do you think it means? Write your own definition. Remember to look for clues in the text.	Look it up! Find the definition of the word in a dictionary and write it here.
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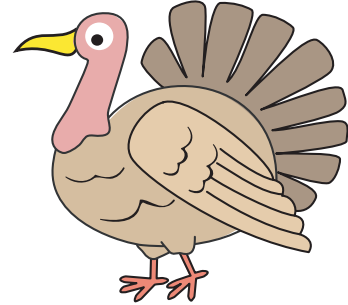


Finding Word Meaning

Context Clues & Text Features



Part 1 Reading for Meaning



Wild Turkeys



Directions: Read the passage.

Have you ever seen a wild turkey? Chances are you have since they are native to America and live in every state except Alaska! Given their large size, they're hard to miss. Male turkeys, also known as "Tom Turkeys," can weigh up to 25 pounds. On the contrary, the female "hens" typically weigh less than 15 pounds.

Turkeys are omnivores. Their diet typically includes foods such as: berries, seeds, nuts, insects, frogs, and lizards. They forage for food during the day, usually in the woods near a creek or pond.

While they prey on certain animals during the day, they hide from their predators at night. Where do they seek shelter? Since they are only able to fly short distances, they often fly to low-hanging tree branches to sleep and hide from predators. Foxes, snakes, and coyotes are just a few predators of these wild birds.

As you can see, wild turkeys possess quite a few, interesting characteristics. Benjamin Franklin certainly thought so! He thought the turkey should be the national bird of the United States. Despite our founding father's opinion, the bald eagle remains the symbol of our nation. Gobble gobble!

Glossary



Directions: Reread the passage and underline the words that are listed below.

native: an animal or plant found naturally in a given place.

omnivores: an animal that lives on a diet of both plant and animal food.

diet: the food and drink usually consumed by a person or animal.

forage: to search for food or supplies.

prey: to hunt, catch, and eat another animal.

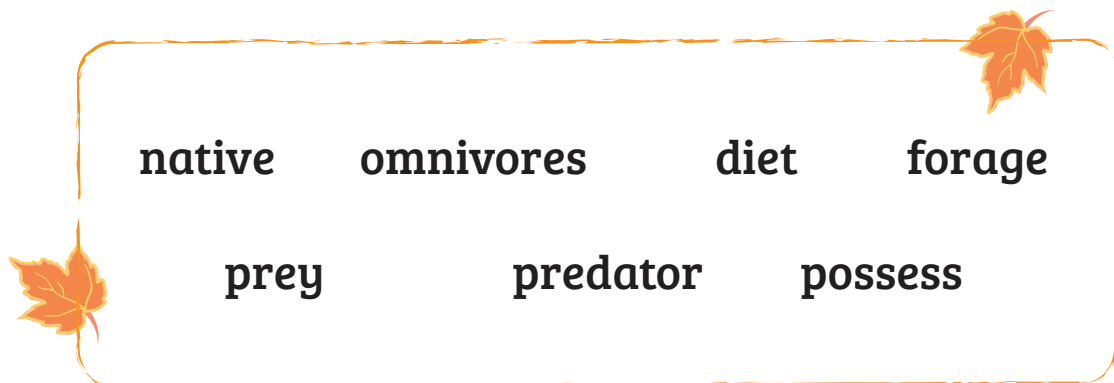
predator: an animal that hunts other animals for food.

possess: to own or have.



Part 2 Context Clues & Text Features

Directions: Choose a word from the glossary word list when completing each sentence. Use context clues to determine which word you should select.



1. Cats are important _____ on farms, where they hunt and kill rodents.
2. Lions are _____ to Africa, as this geographic region is their natural habitat.
3. Mice often _____ for their food at night.
4. My parents _____ the ability to make me feel comforted in times of stress.
5. The _____ of a newborn baby is typically her mother's milk.
6. A pig is classified as an _____, as its diet consists of both plants and animals.
7. Foxes _____ on small animals.

Fun Fact

8. Record one interesting fact about wild turkeys.