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| Context Clues Practice Name: |

**Context clues** are words and phrases that help us determine the meaning of unfamiliar words.

**Directions:** Determine the meaning of the underlined word in each sentence. Write the context clues in the boxes.

1. Our baseball team's pitcher has a few **eccentric** habits, such as throwing exactly thirteen warm-up pitches and never wearing socks.

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| * 1. normal   2. strange   3. messy | Context Clues: |

1. After the heavy rains, the stream became **murky**; in fact, you couldn’t even see the bottom.

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| * 1. clear   2. bottomless   3. cloudy | Context Clues: |

1. The **debris** on the stadium floor included numerous cups, ticket stubs, and pieces of popcorn.

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| * 1. products   2. papers   3. trash | Context Clues: |

1. Although Alex usually looks **unkempt**, he had a very neat appearance at his job interview.

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| * 1. orderly   2. handsome   3. messy | Context Clues: |

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| In some cases, readers can identify the meaning of unfamiliar words by identifying the following within the sentence:   * **Synonyms:** words in the sentence that mean the same thing as the unfamiliar word. * **Antonyms:** words in the sentence that mean the opposite as the unfamiliar word. * **Examples** |

**Directions:** In the sentences below, which type of context clue is provided for the underlined word?

1. Expecting that his license would be renewed, the pilot was surprised when it was **revoked** instead.

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| * 1. synonym   2. antonym   3. example | Context Clues: |

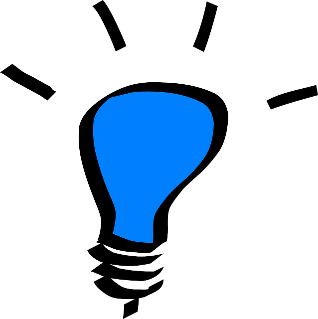
1. I'm looking for a **unique** gift for my boyfriend; he appreciates unusual things.

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**Context Clues: PART 1**

**Directions:** Read each sentence. Look for clues about the meaning of the boldfaced word. Underline another word or phrase that helps you understand it.

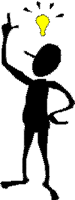
1. My mother was **candid**, honestly sharing her ideas on the subject.
2. The **stupendous** actor attracted everyone’s attention because he was so good.
3. Peter was likely to be late, and **apt** to forget necessary supplies as well.
4. The yellow cookie had a bite out of it, looking like nothing so much as a crumbly **crescent** moon.
5. Elizabeth had the perfect **trifecta** of attributes: power, beauty and money.
6. **Precisely** where were you last night, and exactly what were you doing

**Directions:** Put the letter of the matching definition on each line:

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| \_\_\_\_ precisely  \_\_\_\_ candid  \_\_\_\_ stupendous  \_\_\_\_ apt  \_\_\_\_ crescent  \_\_\_\_ trifecta | 1. Very, very good 2. Group of three 3. Honest 4. Likely 5. Shape like a portion of a circle 6. exactly |

**Context Clues: PART 2**

**Directions:** Read each sentence. Look for clues about the meaning of the boldfaced word. Underline another word or phrase that helps you understand it.

1. He realized that his **carriage** was important, so he walked proudly with his back straight.
2. Many **media** were used in the artwork, including paint, colored pencils and crayons.
3. The soft, bouncy surface **cushioned** his landing.
4. Sarah demonstrated how much she cared for others by showing **compassion** to the man in the store.
5. The two of them are usually **civil** but today they were quite impolite to each other.
6. Greta shared many traits with her sister, including **attributes** like honesty and humor.

**Directions:** Put the letter of the matching definition on each line:

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| \_\_\_\_ civil  \_\_\_\_ carriage  \_\_\_\_ attributes  \_\_\_\_ cushioned  \_\_\_\_ compassion  \_\_\_\_ media | 1. Posture and body language 2. Characteristics 3. Artistic materials 4. Kindness and caring 5. Softened 6. Polite and kind |