

Using Context Clues to Improve Reading Skills and Vocabulary Practice

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Directions: Use context clues to guess the words meaning. You can use the context word sheet.

1. Raul is an **indulgent** father. For instance, he lets his daughter stay up as late as she likes and he never insists that she do her homework.

- a. lazy and caring b. stupid and kind c. strict and mean d. lenient and accepting **Answers** _____

2. The child tried to **placate** the bully, doing everything he told her to do.

- a. hate b. satisfy c. teach d. fight _____

3. Even though Jardy enjoyed the movie and said it was exciting, Danario thought it was **tedious**.

- a. awesome b. eventful c. slow d. boring _____

4. The mime troupe, drama club and other local **thespians** will meet Saturday for a workshop.

- a. organizations b. singers c. actors d. workers _____

5. At first, the surgery seemed to be successful. However, several hours later, the patient's condition began to **deteriorate**, and it continued to worsen over the next few days.

- a. stabilize b. surprise everyone c. change d. decay or decline _____

6. Pewter is a combination of copper, tin and antimony. The **alloy** is quite soft and presents some problems to a metal smith.

- a. bowl b. mixture of metals c. hardware d. chemical _____

7. Tom was **oblivious** to the noise, but the rest of us were unable to concentrate on our work.

- a. annoyed b. frightened c. unaware d. bothered _____

8. The building **obstructed** our view as effectively as a blindfold.

- a. helped b. warmed c. blocked d. magnified _____

9. He could make the journey by mule cart, train, or another **conveyance**.

- a. adventure b. means of transporting c. vehicle d. boat _____

10. The students were **belligerent**. In other words, they did not listen to the teacher and often talked back to her.

- a. argumentative b. obedient c. cruel d. lazy _____

11. She sought **redress** for the wrong that had been done to her family.

- a. correction b. promptness c. hope d. repetition _____