

Context Clues Vocabulary Practice

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Instructions: Read each passage carefully. Use the context clues (words and sentences around the bold word) to work out what the bold word means. Write your answer on the line provided.

1. The ancient tree stood in the middle of the park. Its **gnarled** branches twisted in all directions, looking rough and knobbly from hundreds of years of growth.

What does **gnarled** mean?

2. Sarah felt **famished** after swimming all morning. She hadn't eaten breakfast, and her stomach was rumbling loudly. She quickly made herself a large sandwich.

What does **famished** mean?

3. The puppy was so **adorable** that everyone wanted to pat it. People smiled when they saw its cute face and wagging tail.

What does **adorable** mean?

4. Tom tried to **persuade** his parents to let him stay up late. He gave them many good reasons and promised to wake up on time for school.

What does **persuade** mean?

5. The magician made the rabbit **vanish** from the hat. One moment it was there, and the next moment it had completely disappeared!

What does **vanish** mean? _____

6. Mum was **furious** when she saw the mess in the kitchen. She was so angry that her face turned red, and she spoke in a very stern voice.

What does **furious** mean?

7. The mountain path was too **treacherous** to climb in the rain. The rocks were slippery and dangerous, so the hikers decided to turn back.

What does **treacherous** mean?

8. Jake was **reluctant** to jump into the cold pool. He stood at the edge for a long time, not wanting to go in, until his friends finally convinced him.

What does **reluctant** mean?
