

Context clues can be **nearby words** or **pictures** that help determine the meaning of **unknown words**.

Tiffany's baby brother fell asleep on the couch while watching TV. So she told all her friends to **hush**. After that, they **didn't make a sound**.

Hush means to be **quiet**.



The **stingray** was looking for food.

A **stingray** is a type of marine **animal**.

CFU

Which phrase in the sentence below is a **context clue** that might help you determine that **mend** means heal? How do you know?

After he broke his foot, the doctors told him his bones needed to **mend**.

- A** the doctors told him **B** after he broke his foot

In your own words, what are context clues?

What **context clue** helped you determine that a stingray is a type of marine animal? How do you know?

- A** nearby words **B** picture

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1 Ted got a **whiff** of something stinky coming up from the sewers.

- A feeling B smell C look

2 Sebastian **squashed** the can under his boot, flattening it in the process.

- A crushed B drank from C kicked

3 Madeleine **resembles** her cousin Amy so much people think they are twins.

- A never sees B doesn't like C looks like

4 It was **drizzling** outside, but there wasn't enough rain to make any mud.

- A storming B sprinkling C lightning



5 Daisy was upset when she found a **puncture** in her tire that let out all of the air.

- A hole B bubble C gum



Skill Closure

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1 Everyone was sad that Victor had to **depart**. They all said they would miss him.

A leave

B laugh

C stay

2 I tried to **conceal** the dent my bike made in Mom's car, so she wouldn't see it.

A find

B show

C hide

3 Park was hungry, so he decided to **munch** on some carrot sticks while he waited for dinner.

A cook

B eat

C wait

Concept Closure

Write a sentence for each picture.

Use context clues to provide information about the word.



peacock



Venus flytrap

Concept

What did you learn today about determining the meaning of words using context clues?

Word Bank

determine
context clues
identify

Read the sentence.

Use context clues to determine the meaning of the bolded word.

- 1 Enrique knew the answer to the question, but he was too **timid** to raise his hand. He didn't like talking in front of people.

A bored

B shy

C sweet

- 2 Cecilia likes lemonade that only has real ingredients. She does not like **artificial** flavors.

A real

B old

C fake

- 3 Malachi wanted to **barter** his chips for a pack of cookies. He thought it was a fair offer.

A trade

B eat

C keep

- 4 I had to go to the concert **solo** because none of my friends could make it.

A happy

B at night

C alone

- 5  The rock was just **ordinary** quartz; there was nothing special about it.

A normal

B special

C smelly



Listening

Listen to the passage read aloud. Use the passage and context clues to determine the correct name of the animal. (Draw a line) What context clues help you determine the animal?

capybara



aardvark



echidna



Read the sentence. Use context clues to determine the meaning of the bolded word.

1 For the magician's final trick, she **vanished**. She was nowhere to be seen.

A appear

B clapped

C disappeared

2



Derek was **gloomy** because he lost the chess championship. He thought he'd never be happy again.

A sad

B excited

C tired



Reading

Read the passage. Use context clues to determine which word belongs in the blank.

capillaries

are tiny vessels that carry blood to organs and tissues in the body.

veins

are thin vessels that carry blood to the heart.

arteries

are thick vessels that carry blood away from the heart.

The body has three main types of blood vessels. Blood pumps in the heart and is carried throughout the rest of the body in _____. From there, _____ collect the blood and take it to the rest of the body. Finally, _____ gather blood in the body to return it to the heart.

Read the sentence. Use context clues to determine the meaning of the bolded word.

- 1 On the radio, Daniela **disguised** her voice so no one could figure out who she was.

A showed B hid C shared



- 2 Fernando was so **bashful**, he didn't like speaking in public.

A shy B brave C talkative

 Writing

Write a sentence for each picture. Use context clues to provide information about the word. Read the sentence.

marionette



sitar



Read the sentence.

Use context clues to determine the meaning of the bolded word.

- She received the news that she won an award and jumped with **glee**.
 A hunger B joy C sadness
- The teacher asked the students to **assist** her in carrying the heavy gym equipment outside.
 A leave B watch C help
- Carl's **occupation** is very important. He saves lives as a firefighter.
 A job B happiness C diet