

Context Clues I - Pretest - Choose the best meaning of the underlined word.

**Select an answer that fits the entire sentence, all clues.*

The first review on the Harry Potter movie was ravofable. Many people attended and enjoyed the movie. Some people even saw the movie three times!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> a. negative | <input type="checkbox"/> c. positive |
| <input type="checkbox"/> b. uncertain | <input type="checkbox"/> d. clean |

Her quiet, cidim ways made us guess at her true feelings about the story because she kept her ideas to herself and never spoke in the class.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> a. shy | <input type="checkbox"/> c. kind |
| <input type="checkbox"/> b. boisterous | <input type="checkbox"/> d. seriously |

He was found running down the street after curfew, and his parents were bogalized. The ticket read, "Illegally in the streets at 1:00A.M." He would have to pay the ticket with his own money.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> a. crooked | <input type="checkbox"/> c. delicate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> b. fined | <input type="checkbox"/> d. informed |

The woman crossed her fingers as her daughter did the cheer. She was hoping that everything would work out for her daughter as she joxied for a position on the squad. Her daughter wanted to be a cheerleader.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> a. shouted | <input type="checkbox"/> c. expanded |
| <input type="checkbox"/> b. enclosed | <input type="checkbox"/> d. tried |

The boy knew that the lake was bulming and overflowing with bass, so he brought a big net to help get the fish in the boat.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> a. rare | <input type="checkbox"/> c. full |
| <input type="checkbox"/> b. enclave | <input type="checkbox"/> d. sparse |

It was difficult to listen to Tommy speak because he droned on and on just like a buzzer that won't stop buzzing.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> a. ideal | <input type="checkbox"/> c. lively |
| <input type="checkbox"/> b. same tone | <input type="checkbox"/> d. scared |

The lithe girl was perfect for the basketball team because she was full of muscle and could move well.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> a. lean | <input type="checkbox"/> c. thick |
| <input type="checkbox"/> b. cubed | <input type="checkbox"/> d. eerie |

Thomas went to the spittix of the mountain, and because it was so high, he had to take a tank of oxygen with him.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> a. bottom | <input type="checkbox"/> c. top |
| <input type="checkbox"/> b. breathe | <input type="checkbox"/> d. clear |

The apparatus that Jill used to connect the fabric was similar to a sewing machine, but this one did all of the work while she just pushed a button.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> a. idea | <input type="checkbox"/> c. instrument |
| <input type="checkbox"/> b. zipper | <input type="checkbox"/> d. singular |

The feligulid air seemed to suck his breath away as he attempted to finish his first snowman of the season.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> a. deficient | <input type="checkbox"/> c. thick |
| <input type="checkbox"/> b. sappy | <input type="checkbox"/> d. cold |



Identificaion of Figurative Language

Simile
Metaphor
Personification

For each of the following sentences illustrating an example of figurative language, identify each in the blank as either a SIMILE (S), a METAPHOR (M), OR a PERSONIFICATION (P). If a refresher is needed for the meaning of each, use a dictionary. One answer for each type is completed for you as an example. Some have more than one answer.

M

1 "Between the lower east side tenements the sky is a snotty handkerchief."

S

2 "He was like a cock who thought the sun had risen to hear him crow."

3 "Human speech is like a cracked cauldron on which we bang out tunes that make bears dance, when we want to move the stars to pity."

P

4 The wind stood up and gave a shout.

5 "The streets were a furnace, the sun an executioner."

6 "Humanity, let us say, is like people packed in an automobile which is traveling downhill without lights at terrific speed and driven by a four-year-old child."

7 "But my heart is a lonely hunter that hunts on a lonely hill."

8 "The operation is over. On the table, the knife lies spent, on its side, the bloody meal smear-dried upon its flanks. The knife rests."

9 "Life is like an onion: You peel it off one layer at a time, and sometimes you weep."

10 "The road isn't built that can make a Chevy breathe hard!"

11 "Fear knocked on the door. Faith answered. There was no one there."

12 "Men's words are bullets, that their enemies take up and make use of against them."

13 "My face looks like a wedding-cake left out in the rain."

14 "Oreo: Milk's favorite cookie."

15 "He looked about as inconspicuous as a tarantula on a slice of angel food."

16 "Opportunity knocked on the door."

17 "A man may break a word with you, sir, and words are but wind."

18 "The sun greeted me this morning."

19 "She dealt with moral problems as a cleaver deals with meat."

20 "She has a voice like a baritone sax issuing from an oil drum, and hams even with her silences."

21 "The rain came down in long knitting needles."

22 "Good coffee is like friendship: rich and warm and strong."

23 "Snow had wrapped a white blanket over the city."

24 "Memory is a crazy woman that hoards colored rags and throws away food."

25 "Time never waits for anyone."

26 "Trees were dancing with the wind."

27 "Life is rather like a tin of sardines: we're all of us looking for the key."

28 "Time is a circus, always packing up and moving away."

29 "Matt Leinart slid into the draft like a bald tire on black ice."

30 "Sun was playing hide and seek, amidst the clouds."

Commonly Confused Review

Underline, hi-lite, or circle neatly the correct choice from the parenthesis.

Are you (already, all ready) for this? A substitute can (affect, effect) the outcome of a class by his or her approach (to, two, too) the students. The (affect, effect) he or she has is (altogether, all together) dependent upon the lessons left by the teacher. Unfortunately, the class is not usually (altogether, all together) on their decision to behave or not. Many reasons can be (cited, sited, sighted) for this, but (a part, apart) from immaturity and a lack of self-discipline, few others amount (to, two, too) much. What if a lack of self-discipline and maturity were (elicit, illicit) and made a (capital, capitol) offense by the men and women who work inside the (capital, capitol) of our state. I would like to (cite, site, sight) that if the state would not pass it, perhaps we could (counsel, council) our city (counsel, council) who could pass it as a city ordinance. Are you thinking I should stop and take a (breath, breathe) and just (breath, breathe) a little. If you stood on the same (cite, site, sight) I stand, you personally would agree (altogether, all together) with me (already, all ready). Maybe my words are just an (allusion, illusion) to my expectation for today; do not try to (elude, allude) this work, for it is not an (allusion, illusion) – it is really here and (a part, apart) of your grade. Be sure to work (a part, apart) from your friends (to, two, too) avoid (to, two, too) much trouble. (Accept, Except) for those who are absent, I will not (accept, except) this assignment after tomorrow. I hope this activity will (elicit, illicit) all of the correct answers.

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Monday

Day Two Homework

Identify the best meaning for the underlined word. It is a non-sense word so use context clues within the sentence to come with the best possible answer.

1. The high winds have caused the fluffy molf on the waves as it washed ashore.
2. The *Grapes of Wrath* is a novel focusing on the jitation of a family in the 1930's moving from Oklahoma to California in search of a better life.
3. Mr. Well's manisent disappearance was finally referred to the air force department handling UFO cases in hopes of solving it.
4. It is difficult to agnonizate the Snake River because of its many obstacles in the way around every tight turn.
5. Weather forecasters are always aware of a mass of warm, humid air rising quickly, for such a condition can nopolize a tornado.
6. Casual clothes are alanicious for picnics in the park.
7. The death of so many in Iraq and Afghanistan is definitely a binnedy.
8. That river is drognic; no one should ever swim in the water or even touch it.
9. The golfers quickly selapidated their shots because of the high wind, and their scores improved greatly.
10. The stranger offended everyone with his blodge manners at the restaurant.