

Chapter 2

Context and Dictionary

Directions: Read each question and choose the letter of the best answer.

- ___1. The first strategy to use when encountering an unfamiliar word is to
 - a. try spelling the word phonetically.
 - b. use the first definition given in the dictionary.
 - c. look for context clues in the sentence or paragraph.
 - d. ignore the word and move on to the next sentence.

- ___2. In the context of the sentence, "We watched as a carpenter bee began to bore through the side of our tree house," the word **bore** means
 - a. be uninteresting.
 - b. make holes.
 - c. the hollow chamber of a gun.
 - d. carried.

- ___3. A definition clue may be indicated by the use of
 - a. commas.
 - b. dashes.
 - c. parentheses.
 - d. any of the above.

- ___4. An indirect context clue is one that allows you to figure out the meaning of an unknown word by using
 - a. a word with the same meaning.
 - b. a word with the opposite meaning.
 - c. an actual definition.
 - d. a logical guess.

- ___5. In a dictionary, definitions are organized by
 - a. usage labels.
 - b. subject labels.
 - c. parts of speech.
 - d. history or etymology.

- ___6. In parts of speech, words that name people, places, or things are called
 - a. nouns.
 - b. verbs.
 - c. adjectives.
 - d. adverbs.

- ___7. The word that is spelled phonetically as **jə rǎf** is
- graph.
 - giraffe.
 - jargon.
 - raffle.

Directions: Identify the type of context clue used for the boldfaced word in each of the following sentences and choose the letter of the best answer.

- ___8. The forecasters had predicted **inclement** weather but the sky was sunny and clear.
- definition
 - synonym
 - contrast
 - indirect
- ___9. Anne posted a **caveat**, or warning, next to her cash register stating that all sales were final.
- definition
 - synonym
 - contrast
 - indirect
- ___10. After drinking **copious** amounts of coffee to stay awake, we finished our project at 4 a.m.
- definition
 - synonym
 - contrast
 - indirect

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| 1. c | 6. a |
| 2. d | 7. b |
| 3. c | 8. a |
| 4. b | 9. b |
| 5. b | 10. d |