Context Clues

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet - Challenge Me

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Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

1. "Jay was reluctant to jump into the cold lake. He stood on the dock for ten minutes." What does reluctant mean?

   not wanting to do it not able to swim too tired to move excited to try it

2. "Water was scarce in the desert, so the travelers shared every drop." What does scarce mean?

   hard to find safe to drink full of sand very cold

3. "Nora would usually hesitate before diving, but today she jumped in without stopping to think." Which words help you know what hesitate means?

   Nora would usually stopping to think before diving today she jumped

4. "My sister is careful on her bike, but Leo is reckless on his." What kind of clue helps you know what reckless means?

   a synonym an example a definition an opposite

5. "The current pulled our canoe quickly down the river." Which meaning of current fits this sentence?

   happening right now a path left by a boat water moving one way

   a flow of electricity

6. Which sentence uses the word cautious correctly?

   The cautious driver slowed down on the icy road.

   The cautious boy ran across the busy street without looking.

   Being cautious, she touched the hot stove to test it.

   The cautious cat leaped into the river without a pause.

7. "The forest animals vanished when the storm began. Soon not one could be seen." What does vanished mean?

   went out of sight became frightened ran in circles grew very quiet

8. "The pumpkin was enormous. It took three grown-ups to lift it onto the farm truck." Which words help you know what enormous means?

onto the farm truck It took The pumpkin was three grown-ups to lift it

9. "Mom grows herbs, such as basil, mint, and parsley, in pots by the window." What kind of clue helps you know what herbs means?

an opposite a synonym a definition an example

10. "The trail was treacherous. Loose rocks and slick mud made every step risky." What does treacherous mean?

very long and winding crowded with people full of danger

covered in flowers

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