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Grade 3 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

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4. "A pedal, the part you push with your foot, makes a bike go." What kind of clue helps you know what pedal means?

   an example a definition an opposite

5. "The baseball player swung the bat and hit the ball far." Which meaning of bat fits this sentence?

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   a wooden stick for hitting a ball

6. Which sentence uses the word gentle correctly?

   The gentle storm knocked down three trees.

   Be gentle when you hold the baby bird.

   He was so gentle that he slammed the door.

7. "The pumpkin was huge, much bigger than all the others in the patch." What does huge mean?

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9. "Ming felt glum, or sad, when it rained on her birthday." What kind of clue helps you know what glum means?

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