Context Clues

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

1. "The ancient castle was built more than a thousand years ago." What does ancient mean?
   very old very famous very strong very tall

2. "The towels were still damp, so we hung them in the sun to dry." What does damp mean?
   a little torn a little wet very warm very dirty

3. "Mia was furious when her brother broke her kite, and she stomped and yelled." Which words help you know what furious means?
   her brother Mia was stomped and yelled her kite

4. "A sturdy table is one that is strong and will not break easily." What kind of clue helps you know what sturdy means?
   a synonym an opposite an example a definition

5. "The box was light, so I carried it with one hand." Which meaning of light fits this sentence?
   not heavy a pale color not dark a lamp that glows

6. Which sentence uses the word shallow correctly?
   The water was shallow, so it only came up to my ankles.
   We dove into the shallow end because it was the deepest part.
   The shallow well went far down into the ground.
   The pool was so shallow that the tall man could not touch the bottom.

7. "The sky grew gloomy as dark clouds covered the sun." What does gloomy mean?
   windy and cold dark and gray hot and sticky bright and clear

8. "Grandma's plump cat is so round and heavy that she sleeps on a pillow." Which words help you know what plump means?
   Grandma's so round and heavy she sleeps on a pillow

9. "The hikers were weary, or very tired, after the long climb." What kind of clue helps you know what weary means?
   an opposite a definition an example a synonym

10. "The lamp was dim, so it was hard to read my book at night." What does dim mean?
    turned off very old not very bright not very steady

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