Context Clues

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet - Challenge Me

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2. "The crowd was jubilant after the home team won. People cheered and hugged strangers." What does jubilant mean?

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3. "Cactus plants can live where the ground is arid. Rain may not fall there for months." Which words help you know what arid means?

   may not fall there for months

   where the ground

   can live

   Cactus plants

4. "Although the first puzzle was simple, the second was baffling and took an hour." What kind of clue helps you know what baffling means?

   an example an opposite a synonym a definition

5. "Fresh water bubbled up from a spring at the bottom of the hill." Which meaning of spring fits this sentence?

   a metal coil that bounces

   to jump up very quickly

   the season that comes after winter

   water rising from the ground

6. Which sentence uses the word abundant correctly?

Water was abundant, so the plants dried up and died.

Apples were abundant in fall, so we filled ten baskets.

The abundant cookie jar had only one crumb left.

Food was abundant, so the hungry birds found nothing.

7. "Tim usually gobbles his lunch. Today he felt sick and refused even his favorite soup." What does refused mean?

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8. "Our neighbor's ferocious dog showed its sharp teeth to every person on the street." Which words help you know what ferocious means?

showed its sharp teeth Our neighbor's on the street to every person

9. "By dinnertime the hikers were famished, or extremely hungry." What kind of clue helps you know what famished means?

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10. "The old bridge was unstable. It swayed and creaked whenever a car drove across." What does unstable mean?

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