Context Clues

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

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

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

   hard to find full of sand safe to drink 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?

   before diving today she jumped stopping to think Nora would usually

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

   an example a definition a synonym an opposite

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

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

   a flow of electricity

6. Which sentence uses the word cautious correctly?

   The cautious cat leaped into the river without a pause.

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

   The cautious boy ran across the busy street without looking.

   The cautious driver slowed down on the icy road.

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

   became frightened ran in circles went out of sight 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?

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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?

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

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