Context Clues

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

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   a definition an example an opposite

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an opposite a synonym an example

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