Context Clues

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet

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Name _____ Date _____

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   very strong very famous very old very tall

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. "The hikers were weary, or very tired, after the long climb." What kind of clue helps you know what weary means?
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10. "The lamp was dim, so it was hard to read my book at night." What does dim mean?
    not very bright not very steady turned off very old

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