Context Clues

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet - Challenge Me

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Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

1. "Jay was reluctant to jump into the cold lake. He stood on the dock for ten minutes." What does reluctant mean?

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

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

   safe to drink very cold full of sand hard to find

3. "Nora would usually hesitate before diving, but today she jumped in without stopping to think." Which words help you know what hesitate means?

   Nora would usually stopping to think before diving today she jumped

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 opposite an example a definition a synonym

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

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

   a flow of electricity

6. Which sentence uses the word cautious correctly?

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

   The cautious driver slowed down on the icy road.

   The cautious boy ran across the busy street without looking.

   The cautious cat leaped into the river without a pause.

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

   went out of sight grew very quiet ran in circles became frightened

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?

three grown-ups to lift it The pumpkin was It took onto the farm truck

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?

very long and winding full of danger covered in flowers

crowded with people

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