

Context Clue Practice

Directions: Read the following sentences and then match the underlined word with the correct meanings. Explain which context clues you used to help you choose your answer.

1. There was a long hiatus in the television broadcast. This pause was caused by technical problems.

A. noise

C. show

B. break

D. announcement

Explain how you know: _____

2. Francesca was not sentimental about the old maple tree in the front yard. Although it had been important to her family to many generations, she had no trouble deciding to cut it down.

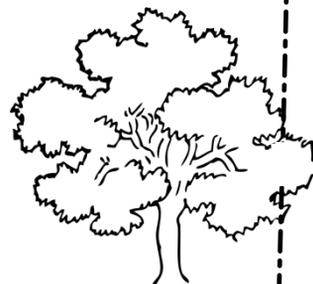
A. happy

C. emotional

B. angry

D. tired

Explain how you know: _____



3. Grandma Marie loved to indulge her grandchildren whenever she was watching them, giving them all the things they were never allowed to have, like soda and greasy food.

A. spoil

C. starve

B. ignore

D. humor

Explain how you know: _____

4. Mya was nervous for the first day of school. She was an introvert, and her timidity made it hard for her to make new friends.

A. new student

C. class clown

B. a shy person

D. outsider

Explain how you know: _____

5. The science fair needed impartial judges: they had to have no biases towards any of the contestants so that it would be fair.

- A. expert
- B. wealthy

- C. open-minded
- D. negative

Explain how you know: _____

6. As Jamal ran towards the goal on the soccer field, he suddenly rolled his ankle and fell painfully to the ground. He grimaced, clutching his ankle in pain.

- A. frowned
- B. smiled

- C. laughed
- D. walked

Explain how you know: _____

7. Dogs that have been abused and neglected are often wary around strangers. Eventually, however, they can learn to trust and love people again.

- A. trusting
- B. cautious

- C. friendly
- D. sleepy

Explain how you know: _____

8. Sean blew out the candles on his thirteenth birthday cake, thinking about all the changes that would take place in the next decade. He would graduate from high school, get a car, and be in college before he knew it.

- A. hundred years
- B. three years

- C. one year
- D. ten years

Explain how you know: _____

