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Context Clues – Circle the context clues in the sentences. Then choose the word or words that give the meaning of the underlined word.

It has been an extremely brutal summer with very hot temperatures.

harsh
windy
gentle
pleasant

She offered a feeble excuse for her late work and they could tell that she wasn't telling the truth.

truthful
excellent
weak
unhealthy

Brass is an alloy of copper and zinc.

type of plastic
mixture of metals
kind of sword
kind of liquid

The continents are slowly drifting apart. Since they are not stationary, North and South America will one day separate entirely.

paper to write letters
staying in one place
land
melting slowly

They kept the horses in the livery while they were being watered and fed.

House
Stable
Dark opening
Hay filled bucket

Suzy was making jam. When she finished filling the jars and putting on the lids, she used paraffin to make sure no air would enter the jar.

juice from fruit
wax used for sealing
paper
hot water

The fifty pound pumpkin was gargantuan in size.

small
huge
average
colorful

The garrulous boy rambled on continuously as he told his mother about his day at school.

talkative
secretive
crazy
quiet

The pointer stopped, and quietly stared ahead when he heard the sound of the rabbit.

A teacher
to have a point in discussion
a hunting dog
to use a finger

The mummies of Egypt are very old. So people think the Egyptians had special ways of embalming. Actually, it was the dry air that helped them preserve the dead.

making pyramids
keeping the dead from decaying
keeping things alive
keeping things from smelling bad