

CONTEXT CLUES

What are Context Clues?

When you are reading, you will come to words you do not know. You can learn the meaning of those words by looking for the clues in the sentence around that word. The clues will help you understand the meaning of the new word even if you cannot pronounce it!

In each of the following sentences, the underlined word is not real. But you can use the clues around it to practice for times when you need to understand real words.

1. Pick up all of your clothes and hang them in the tchep. The underlined word could be a _____
horse, towel, closet

Hints: It could not be a horse or towel because you would not hang clothes in _____

2. I fell over a glugger and it is a _____
shirt, t-shirt, camera

Hints: You would not wear a shirt or t-shirt. It must be your _____
mail. It must be your _____

3. I do not know how to swim so I will take swimming nuthers in the summer. What are nuthers?
Pools, pictures, lessons

Hints: You would not take pools anywhere. You could take pictures but the sentence is not about a camera. If you don't know how to do something you need a lesson.



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Use the clues around the made-up words to decide what they mean.

1. The storm knocked out all the power. Luckily I found a grrettup so I could see in the dark.

A grrettup could be a _____
radio, flashlight, book

2. When I was born I weighed 6 pounds and 7 rickless.

Rickless could be _____
babies ounces, tigers



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