

# Test 9



Reading is like detective work. Clues to unknown words can be found right among the words around it. This strategy is called using context clues, and it works!

**Directions:** Use context clues to figure out the meaning of the bold word. Write it on the line.

1. In math class, Jen passed the note to Sara **discreetly**.

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2. The thirsty man **yearned** for a drink of water.

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3. The miner struck a new **lode** of coal.

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4. Old age did not **hamper** him one bit.

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5. The explorers were running short on **provisions**.

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6. Pirates were caught **red-handed** with the **contraband**.

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7. Without shots, the animals were **susceptible** to disease.

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8. This is only a **facsimile**—the real gem is in the safe.

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9. The tiny infant remained in the **neonatal** ward.

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10. The tornado threatened to **annihilate** the small town.

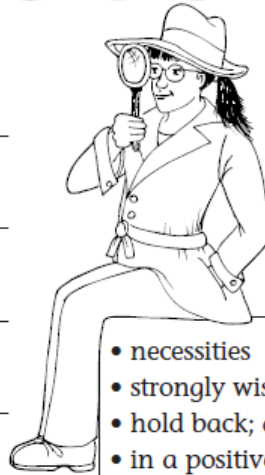
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11. Unlike other **felines**, lions live in groups.

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12. Dad said nothing, but just **nodded affirmatively**.

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Answers

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11. members of cat family
12. in a positive way