



Context Clues

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Grade: Grade 4

Part A: Fix the Sentence

Each sentence has an error. Rewrite it correctly on the line.

1. Fix the sentence: The arid, or very wet, desert gets little rain each year.

Rewrite: _____

2. Fix the sentence: She felt jubilant, meaning sad, after winning the spelling bee.

Rewrite: _____

3. Fix the sentence: The fragile vase was strong and hard to break.

Rewrite: _____

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. A context clue is information near a word that helps you figure out its _____ .
2. When a sentence says "or" after a hard word, it often gives a _____ .
3. The word "means" in a sentence signals a _____ clue.
4. Reading the words _____ an unknown word can help you understand it.

Part C: Short Answer

Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

1. What is a context clue, and why is it useful?

2. In the sentence "The benevolent king was kind to everyone," what clue helps you understand benevolent?

Part A: Fix the Sentence

Each sentence has an error. Rewrite it correctly on the line.

1. Fix the sentence: The arid, or very wet, desert gets little rain each year.

Rewrite: The arid, or very dry, desert gets little rain each year.

2. Fix the sentence: She felt jubilant, meaning sad, after winning the spelling bee.

Rewrite: She felt jubilant, meaning very happy, after winning the spelling bee.

3. Fix the sentence: The fragile vase was strong and hard to break.

Rewrite: The fragile vase was delicate and easy to break.

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. A context clue is information near a word that helps you figure out its meaning .
2. When a sentence says "or" after a hard word, it often gives a synonym .
3. The word "means" in a sentence signals a definition clue.
4. Reading the words around an unknown word can help you understand it.

Part C: Short Answer

Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

1. What is a context clue, and why is it useful?

A context clue is a hint in the surrounding text that helps a reader figure out the meaning of an unfamiliar word without using a dictionary.

2. In the sentence "The benevolent king was kind to everyone," what clue helps you understand benevolent?

The phrase "was kind to everyone" is a synonym clue that shows benevolent means kind or generous.
