

## English Teaching Worksheets

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### Using Context Clues to Guess the Meaning of Vocabulary

*Read each sentence and guess the meaning of the word from the clues in the sentence. Then write the clue or clues that helped you understand the meaning of the word.*

Example: The arrogant actor thought he was better than all the other actors in the play.

Definition: to think you are better than other people

Clue: "thought he was better than all the other actors"

1. Palm trees were so abundant on the island that they could be found nearly everywhere.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

Clue: \_\_\_\_\_

2. I was very mischievous as a boy, but no matter how much trouble I got in, my mother always believed that I was a good person.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

Clue: \_\_\_\_\_

3. After working for twelve hours without a break, he felt fatigue setting in.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

Clue: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Due to the frigid winter weather in Canada, she wears three or four layers of clothing whenever she goes outside.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

Clue: \_\_\_\_\_

5. The devastating effects of the hurricane could be seen clearly as they flew over the city in the helicopter.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

Clue: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Be careful on the road! The weather report said visibility was low because of all the fog.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

Clue: \_\_\_\_\_

7. The sound of the waves diminished as we got farther away from the shore.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

Clue: \_\_\_\_\_

8. After much contemplation, I have decided to sell my house here and move to Seattle next year.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

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Clue: \_\_\_\_\_

9. A single pound of snow has an average of 22,400 snowflakes in it. Each flake is unique, which means each flake is different from every other flake.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

Clue: \_\_\_\_\_

10. I'm sure there's a more efficient way to load the dishwasher. You're wasting too much time by doing it that way.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

Clue: \_\_\_\_\_

*Now use the words in the box to complete the sentences.*

|            |             |               |        |             |
|------------|-------------|---------------|--------|-------------|
| abundant   | mischievous | fatigue       | frigid | devastating |
| visibility | diminished  | contemplation | unique | efficient   |

1. Each person's fingerprint is \_\_\_\_\_, with its own patterns of whorls and loops.
2. The forest fire reduced \_\_\_\_\_ and made it hard to see the road.
3. There is an \_\_\_\_\_ supply of fresh water in this area.
4. I got tired of the \_\_\_\_\_ winter weather in Maine, so I decided to move to Southern California, where the weather is warm and sunny.
5. Every year, drivers fall asleep at the wheel due to \_\_\_\_\_.
6. He's a very \_\_\_\_\_ worker. He always finishes his tasks quickly and never makes mistakes.
7. Mary has always been well-behaved. She's never gotten into trouble at school for being \_\_\_\_\_.
8. After the \_\_\_\_\_ fire last year, there was nothing left of the house.
9. Harry decided to quit his job and open a restaurant after much \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The amount of money in my bank account slowly \_\_\_\_\_ until there was nothing left.

*Choose five words from the box above and write a sentence for each word.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_