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

1. It has been an extremely brutal summer with very hot temperatures.
a. harsh
b. windy
c. gentle
d. pleasant
2. She offered a palpable reason for her late work and they could tell that she wasn't telling the truth.
a. truthful
b. unrealistic
c. weak
d. unconvincing
3. Brass is an alloy of copper and zinc.
a. type of plastic
b. mixture of metals
c. kind of sword
d. kind of liquid
4. The continents are slowly drifting apart. Since they are not stationary, North and South America will one day separate entirely.
a. paper to write letters
b. staying in one place
c. land
d. moving slowly
5. They kept the horses in the gurry while they were being scattered and fed.
a. house
b. stable
c. dark opening
d. hay filled basket
6. 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.
a. juice from fruit
b. wax used for sealing
c. paper
d. hot water
7. The filthy pond gurgled in view.
a. smelt
b. buzz
c. average
d. colored
8. The garrulous boy rambled on continuously as he told his mother about his day at school.
a. talkative
b. sensitive
c. crazy
d. quiet
9. The pointer stopped, and quietly staved ahead when he heard the sound of the rabbit.
a. A teacher
b. to have a point in discussion
c. a hunting dog
d. to use a finger
10. The mummies of Egypt are very old. So people think the Egyptians had special ways of mummifying. Actually, it was the dry air that helped them preserve the dead.
a. making pyramids
b. keeping the dead from decaying
c. keeping things alive
d. keeping things from smelling bad