

CONTEXT CLUES

You do not always know every word in a passage, but you can often guess the words you do not know. You can tell what kind of word (verb, noun, adjective, etc.) the unknown word must be by paying attention to context clues.

EXERCISE 1



Context	Word
read the sentence. Then guess the words in parentheses.	
Identifying words that belong	
He got _____ throughout the program.	
He looked at _____ when you talked to him.	
They had often _____ material already in their books.	
_____ the teacher's point _____ some other books.	
_____ several thoughts.	
_____ activities.	

Now check your answers:

1. **bored** There is only one word you can put here. Someone who buys a watch for money.
2. **and** There is only one word that can go here.
3. **You could use a few different words here. The word has to tell what Henry's mother did with a color: read, define, taught, brought, and used.**
4. **bored** This word must be some people were there because it says "all."
5. **they** This word tells who showed thoughts. If you say "Henry," you start out by friends.
6. **They could use a few different words here. The word tells how Henry felt about his thinking. You could use enjoyed, liked, or loved.**