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Context Clues Worksheet I: Context, the dictionary will tell you, means "the interrelated conditions in which something exists or occurs." What this means for reading is that if you see a word you don't understand in a passage, you can look at the passage itself—the context—to help you understand what the word means. The passages below will help you understand how to use the clues in a word's context to understand the meaning of an unknown word. Try it yourself.

1) Her sisters were thin, but Imelda herself was obese.
Using the context for clues, obese means _____

2) While everyone agreed on the pizza toppings, Raymond begged to differ.
Using the context for clues, differ means _____

3) I was in a very good mood, but my friend Bill was disgruntled.
Using the context for clues, disgruntled means _____

4) You can buy chocolate chips one small bag at a time, or you can buy them in bulk.
Using the context for clues, bulk means _____

5) Our school is big, but DeWitt Clinton High School is huge.
Using the context for clues, huge means _____

5) They thought he was lying, so they demanded proof of the story he told.
Using the context for clues, proof means _____

6) After the skunk sprayed her, she carried around a stench.
Using the context for clues, stench means _____

7) Because he ate candy morning, noon and night, it was inevitable that he would have a lot of cavities in his teeth.
Using the context for clues, inevitable means _____

8) At the Beyonce concert, the students weren't just happy, they were ecstatic.
Using the context for clues, ecstatic means _____

9) Many people think 50 Cent is the foremost rapper on the scene today.
Using the context for clues, foremost means _____

10) Everyone in the class was on time, but the teacher was tardy.
Using the context for clues, tardy means _____