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Context Clues

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The air was so humid that our shirts felt damp.

definition cause and effect contrast

The traders crossed the desert in a caravan, a group of people traveling together.

definition cause and effect contrast

My old sneakers are dingy, unlike my new ones, which are bright white.

definition cause and effect contrast

The trail was so steep that we had to stop and rest every few minutes.

cause and effect example definition

Some reptiles, including snakes, lizards and turtles, lay their eggs on land.

contrast cause and effect example

The first path was smooth, but the second path was rugged.

definition contrast example

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The scientist used a magnifier, a glass that makes small things look bigger, to study the bug. What does magnifier mean?

a. a tool for cutting
b. a glass that makes things look bigger
c. a kind of bug

The first puppy was sluggish, but the second one ran circles around the yard. What does sluggish mean?

a. slow and lazy b. loud and happy c. small and spotted

The lake was shallow at the edge, but deep in the middle. What does shallow mean?

a. not deep b. very cold c. very clear

We saw many amphibians, such as frogs, toads and salamanders, at the pond. What does amphibians mean?

a. animals with feathers
b. fish with fins
c. animals like frogs that live in water and on land

The runner was exhausted because she had run all morning. What does exhausted mean?

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Circle the clue words. Then write what the underlined word means.

The class built *a* replica, *an* exact copy, of the old ship.

A predator, *an* animal that hunts other animals for food, must be fast or sneaky.

The fog was so dense that we could not see the end of the street.

We packed nutritious snacks, such as apples, carrots and nuts.

The kitten was curious, so it poked its nose into every box.

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definition	example	contrast	cause and effect

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<u>Rodents</u>, like mice, rats and beavers, have front teeth that never stop growing.

The bread was <u>stale</u>, so it was hard and dry.

The bird built its nest in the <u>canopy</u>, the top layer of leaves in the forest.

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Context Clues

Write what the underlined word means. Use the box.

weak and easy to break	slow and lazy	not deep
instruments you hit or shake	not able to fly	tools for cooking or eating

The music room has <u>percussion</u> instruments, like drums, bells and tambourines.

The drawer held kitchen <u>utensils</u>, including spoons, forks and a ladle.

Penguins are <u>flightless</u>, which means they cannot fly.

The old bridge was <u>flimsy</u>, but the new one is strong.

The first puppy was <u>sluggish</u>, but the second one ran circles around the yard.

The lake was <u>shallow</u> at the edge, but deep in the middle.

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Context Clues

Use the clues in each sentence. Circle what the word means.

The kitten was docile, not wild like the barn cats. What does docile mean?

a. calm and easy to handle
b. fast and hungry
c. sick and weak

The bread was stale, so it was hard and dry. What does stale mean?

a. warm and soft
b. old and no longer fresh
c. burned on top

The old bridge was flimsy, but the new one is strong. What does flimsy mean?

a. long and wide
b. weak and easy to break
c. pretty and new

The air was so humid that our shirts felt damp. What does humid mean?

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One way: an exact copy

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One way: an animal that hunts others

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One way: good for your body

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One way: wanting to find out about things

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One way: Kind: contrast. Meaning: calm and easy to handle.

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One way: Kind: example. Meaning: small gnawing animals.

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One way: Kind: cause and effect. Meaning: old and no longer fresh.

The bird built its nest in the canopy, the top layer of leaves in the forest.

One way: Kind: definition. Meaning: the top layer of a forest.

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